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"And I'll tell it and think it and speak it and breathe it,
And reflect it from the mountain so all souls can see it...."
-Bob Dylan

AD house renovation underway

By Ashley Lee '02
NEWS WRITER

Hamilton has embarked on a $4.25 million renovation project to convert the former Alpha Delta Phi fraternity house to a residence hall, and college officials say the ruckus, noise and inconvenience will be worth it in the end.

The new residence hall will help ease the collegeís housing crunch, said Rebecca Reed Kantrowitz, assistant dean of students and director of residential life.

The house, which will be known as Samuel Eells Memorial Hall, will be home to 63 students, almost twice as many as it used to hold. It will have a number of public spaces, including a dining room, living room, library, billiard room and kitchen.

The house, which will be wheelchair-accessible, will open to students in the fall semester.

The house, located next to Ferguson, will cater primarily to upperclassmen, many of whom have told college officials that they are looking for double- or single-bed rooms within a common living area, but do not want to live on the Kirkland side of campus.

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Despite snowy weather, construction plows ahead at the former frat house.

The house's final plans are not complete, and the college is waiting for more input from students before finishing the project, said Dan O'Leary, vice president of administration and finance. The house, for example, may be classified smoke-free or substance-free.

"The students will determine what type of house this is," O'Leary said.

A wing is being added to the house and the back porch is being relocated to make more room. The house will feature common bathroom areas instead of shared bathrooms between two rooms.

When Hamilton bought the house, it was in good condition despite some water damage, and the renovations are designed largely to create more living space, O'Leary said.

Alumni voted unanimously to sell the house, and the agreement between Alpha Delta Phi and the college was "business-like," O'Leary said. The college decided to sink the money into the AD house instead of building a new residence hall largely to appease alumni who had lived there and felt

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Winter woes, campus crackdown may worsen parking situation

By Suzanne Dougherty '00
NEWS WRITER

Even as the arrival of winter magnifies the campus parking crunch, it's about to become easier for Hamilton to spot illegally parked cars.

Snowy weather magnifies what was already a frustrating parking situation. As the snow leads to a shortage of spaces, even some students with permits are forced to park illegally-and some are receiving numerous tickets and fines in the process.

Some students are sure that security officers enjoy their daily ticketing rituals, but college officials say that when students insist on driving to class or to the mail center, they must step in to limit where drivers park. In the end, students must remember that Hamilton is primarily a pedestrian campus,

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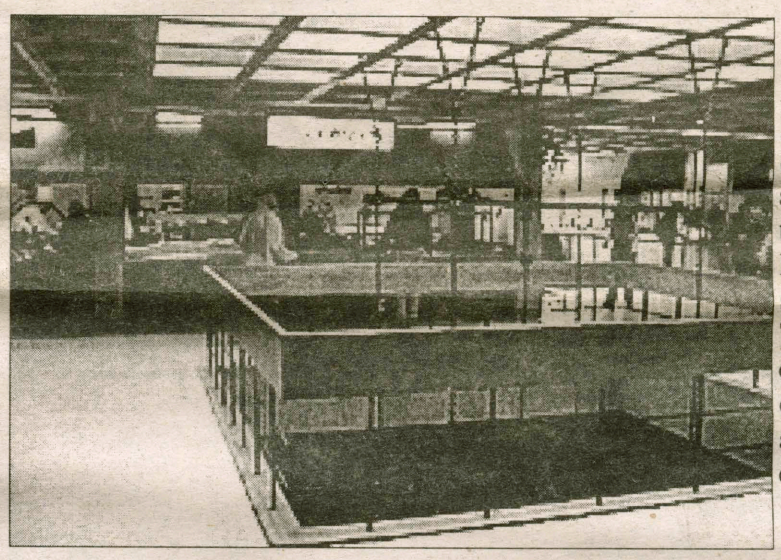

Bon Appetit: Five food companies are fighting to feed Hamilton's students. The current company's contract is about to expire.

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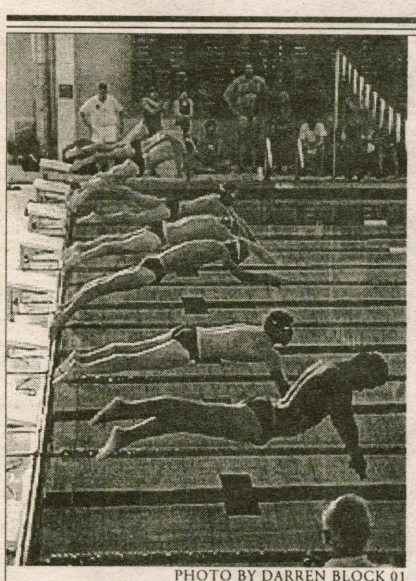

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PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Hamilton swimmers are off to a fast start, while men's hockey beat New England College and Saint Anselm. Both teams are in action at home this weekend.

Edible entrees?

Students, Hamilton officials to choose new food provider

By Sarah LaMont '00
NEWS WRITER

The College's contract with Bon Appetit, its dining service provider for the past four years, is up for renewal, and four other companies are vying to take over the contract.

A student committe, along with the director of contract services, Betsy Espe, has been working to ensure quality food service on campus.

Maurice Michanne, a first-year member of the committee, said students have been a very important part of the decision-making process. They have set up basic guidelines that are to be met by the dining service, including cooking classes and providing unlimited access to dining hallsósomething Bob Appetit experimented with during finals last semester.

The process has been a long one. The selection process has narrowed the contenders for the contracts down to five companies: Bon Appetit, Chartwells, Aramark, Sodexo Marriot and Fine Host.

The student committee has visited various schools serviced by the companies. These visits have been unannounced to allow students to have an accurate perception of the quality of the food.

This week each of the companies, including Bon Appetit, will submit proposals and make bids for a contract with the school. The selection process will then narrow the field to two companies, which will submit expanded proposals.

A final decision is expected by April 15.

Bon Appetit has declined to specify its plans should its contract be renewed.

The companiesí proposals, meanwhile, have not been released.

Annmarie Rossomano, general manager of Bon Appetit, said the company is happy to be on campus and is here to listen to students. Their plans, she said, are the result of student input.

The company's campaign to continue serving Hamilton may have taken a hit in October, however, when a student found a dirty band-aid in his potatoes au gratin.

At the time, Rossomano said that a manager acted properly by immediately pulling the dish from the line. The manager also conducted an inspection of workers and found that not only were they wearing gloves, but that none had any serious injuries to their hands.

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Guster & Ben Harper to perform

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Did you know that a large percentage of the food you eat contains potentialy dangerous genetic modifications? **Page 8**

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Student Assembly Platforms

Class of 2001 Representative

Sarah Gloo
My name is Sarah Gloo and I am running for Student Assembly Representative, class of 2001. With senior year right around the corner, our class needs to begin thinking about and planning for next year's activities. As one of your representatives, I will help ensure that you know what is happening in Student Assembly and around campus. In addition, I will work to bring more of our class members' views and ideas to the Assembly. I am excited to have this opportunity to work for the class of 2001, and I hope that you will cast your vote for Sarah Gloo on February 9th.

Hunter Kurtz
Hi my name is Hunter Kurtz and I am running to be a representative of the Class of 2001. I need to write a platform but as a friend of mine said "People only read them for a quick laugh." Now I have only a few words left to say what I want, so here it goes. What is the biggest problem on this Campus? How about the quality of Food? I propose an "EATER'S BILL OF RIGHTS" Basically we deserve quality food, quality service and food free from foreign materials i.e. Band-Aids, so vote for Hunter Kurtz.

Seth O'Bryan
During my freshman year, I thought the world of Hamilton; unfortunately, in the past year and a half that opinion has gone downhill for various reasons. At first this created a feeling of disillusionment with our college, but now it motivates me to try and make a difference. I want to see how much of a difference this student assembly can make and push this school in the right direction. We only live once, and I want walk away from Hamilton feeling as though I gave it my all. I'm hoping this is one opportunity for me to do that.

Veronica Allen
Every institution is judged by its elected officials. This Student Assembly is most fortunate in its officers, who possess loyalty and high character. I wish to become a part of this organization. I share its interests to increase cultural awareness and improve student campus life. It is not my purpose to deliver a recital of my accomplishments, however, I can assure you I possess all the necessary leadership qualifications - experience, a fine personality, integrity, and, of course, ability. I will serve well, if elected, and bring credit to all my friends and supporters and great satisfaction to the Hamilton community.

Tara La Ruffa
My name is Tara La Ruffa and I am running for Class Representative, 2001. As rising Seniors we have seen Hamilton go through many changes: in some we have had influence as a student body, in others we could have been better involved. I would like the chance to find out exactly what areas we are capable of influencing, and make sure your opinion gets there. I am honest, open-minded, and conscientious - and would work hard at representing the interests of our class. These last few semesters of our college careers are significant in several ways, and I would love to have this opportunity to make them count for all they are worth.

Class of 2002 J-Board

Lindy Roath
The Hamilton community has been recently plagued by destructive acts that show little respect for the student body and the school at large. As a 2002 representative on the Judicial Board I would work toward establishing greater trust and respect amongst the students and college community. As a resident in South, I have gained a heightened understanding of many of the vandalism problems on campus. I feel my involvement with a broad range of students and faculty as a tourguide, writer for the Spectator, tutor, CAB member, and rugby player would make me an impartial and representative member of J-Board.

Katryna Swartwout
I am running for 2002 judicial board representative for many reasons. Living in South, I have seen and experienced a large amount of the vandalism and damages taking place on this campus firsthand. If elected to the judicial board I feel I could improve the overall safety and security of the college. I am an active member of Hamilton's community and feel that the judicial board is a very important aspect of this community. If elected to the judicial board I would be able to judge all cases fairly, openly and honestly.

Owen Charles
Rules and regulations are imperative to maintain order and continuity in any institution. As a member of the Hamilton College community who is concerned about safety, I am running to be the next Judicial Board representative. My primary objective is to create a sense of justice on this campus regardless of one's race or class. All too often, justice is relative to the individual case. I consider myself an impartial, motivated team player that is committed to providing exceptional work. My grades and leadership experiences with the Black and Latin Student Union and La Vanguardia are indicative of this commitment and dedication. I am willing and able to demonstrate this promise, should I be elected for this position.

Class of 2000 J-Board

Joe Freeman
I am running for J-Board in this, my last semester at Hamilton, because I feel that students who answer to accusations are often unfairly treated in the disciplinary process at this college. In my experience as a Student Representative for accused students, I have noticed that many students seem to be summarily judged "Responsible," and then given harsh punishments by a committee which seems to place too much merit in the occassionally lackluster investigations held by the Office of Campus Safety. While I firmly believe that guilty parties should be held responsible for their actions, as a J-Board member, I would strive to protect the interests of both this community and the members of it who are suspected of breaking its rules. Thank you for your consideration.

Hamilton Students travel to Prague, participate in Eurosim

By Jem Sponzo '03
GUEST NEWS WRITER

Over winter break, from January 6th through 12th, Hamilton College sent a delegation of twelve students to the annual Eurosim (European Union) conference in Prague, Czech Republic. This conference gives college students from all over Europe and from the NYCEUSS, a New York consortium of colleges, the chance to simulate the operation of the European Union. Each student participating in the conference is assigned the alter ego of an actual member of the European Union, and is expected to play the part of this personality throughout the simulation.

For the past ten years, a small group of Hamilton students have participated in this conference. The location of the conference alternates each year between Europe and the United States in an effort to bring together European and American students to participate in this simulation. The Hamilton students who participated in the conference were Harmony Prosser, Byron D. Miller, Lindy Roath, Jeff Krutz, Shammi Dowla, Jem Sponzo, Jack Spangler, Jenna Bussman, Colin Donnaruma, Samir Terko, Joe Livingston, and Jodie Stewart. Professor Cafruny, the faculty advisor to the group, also attended the conference.

The conference was held at the University of Economics in Prague. The students met in their respective delegations and committees, and discussed the treaty that had been prepared for the conference. Over three days, the students reviewed the proposals in the treaty, debated the issues, handled a simulated crisis situation, and then

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Murals set to remain intact through AD house rennovation

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the home had emotional significance, O'Leary said.

"It was a bittersweet end," said Dave Bugliari '01, AD brother and former house manager. "We did not want to give the house up, but it was not being used. It was essentially rotting away. The brothers realized that there were very few other options, but the college was good about meeting our requests."

One of the fraternity's more urgent requests was to keep its well-known murals intact. According to Bugliari, the late Jackie Kennedy Onassis once tried to buy them, and AD is pleased that the college plans to keep the murals at the house.

According to O'Leary, Hamilton is trying to buy all of the fraternity houses. Last week, the college bought the Psi Upsilon house, and there are plans to buy the Emerson Literary Society House later this month.

Most of the houses will be academic or administrative officers, not residence halls, O'Leary said.

Pedestrian campus, plowing limitations further parking constraints

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the officials say.

In the meantime, security officers are about to get a new tool for sorting wayward cars from permitted cars.

In coming weeks, Hamilton will join a national program designed to help identify registered cars by their license plates. The program will help officers bypass cars that belong in a lot and identify cars that are in violation of their permits.

Students who are ticketed could face disciplinary action based on their parking history, said Director of Campus Security Patricia Ingalls. The additional sanction should emphasize how seriously the college takes illegal parking on campus, she said.

Hamilton's pedestrian campus ensures that students do not have to walk very far to reach any spot on campus. With the exception of ill or injured students or students who are preparing to take a trip, the college does not see the need for students to move their cars very often, officials said.

A member of the Division of Student Left and a counselor are on call constantly to respond to emergencies and assist the Campus Security staff, and Ingalls encouraged students to consider those options if they need a ride to or from a place on campus.

The ticketing crunch arose because there is no extra parking on campus-and Hamilton has no plans to build new parking lots. The winter weather magnifies the problem as more and more spaces become inaccessible.

Though the physical plant works around the clock to try to accommodate faculty and students' needs, the plant has just two plows.

"Physical plant and students start to feel the pressure when there are more cars than there are spots to put them," said Terry Hawkridge, director of the physical plant.

While the shortage of staff and snowplows contributes to the parking shortage, students must also accept some responsibility for improving the parking problem, Hawkridge said. He advises students to pull their cars all the way into a space.

"When cars are not all in their proper spaces, there is no place for the plows to push the snow and that cripples the lot," Hawkridge said.

IVORY TOWERS

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

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Jeb Bush booed on affirmative action

MIAMI (AP) - Gov. Jeb Bush was booed and jeered by members of a crowd of 1,700 people as he entered a public hearing

Thursday on his plan to end affirmative action in state university admissions and contracts.

"This has been a difficult time for me," the Republican governor said. "The last two weeks I have carried a heavy heart around.''

He said his plan has been misunderstood: He does not want to exclude minorities but wants to the state to be more aggressive in ensuring diversity in ways that ill not be struck down by the courts.

The capacity crowd at the ornate Gusman Center for the Performing Arts had been sedate until the governor walked in. Their reaction drowned out the pounding gavel of the hearing's chairman.

As state Sen. Kendrick Meek and his mother, U.S. Rep. Carrie Meek, stood to speak out against the plan, the crowd erupted with fists pumping.

"The pain the governor feels is a self-inflicted wound," Carrie Meek said.

She said she doubted that the governor's plan would encourage diversity or that state lawmakers would approve the $20 million to $30 million in financial aid that would be needed to boost needy minority students' ability to go to college.

The public hearings were called last month after two legislators staged a sit-in in Bush's office. Bush agreed to delay his order ending affirmative action until the plan was subjected to public hearings.

Bush's plan would guarantee university admissions to the top 20 percent of each high school's graduating class and use other factors besides race — such as socioeconomic status — to determine who else would be admitted.

Shue returns to Harvard to complete degree

(U-WIRE) CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Twelve years after interrupting her college career at Harvard to pursue acting, Elisabeth Shue is returning to Harvard, her agent confirmed.

Shue had been a government concentrator before she decided to leave Cambridge for Hollywood in 1985. She was midway through her senior year, a few credits shy of a degree.

In quick succession, she landed parts in Adventures in Babysitting, Cocktail, the last two Back to the Future films, Soapdish and the Marrying Man. Subsequently, she was lauded by critics for her portrayal of the girlfriend to Nicholas Cage's alcoholic in Mike Figgis' Leaving Las Vegas in 1996.

She was nominated for an Academy Award for the role and received the Los Angeles Society of Film Critics Award, the Chicago Society of Film Critics Award and the National Society of Film Critics Prize, all for Best Actress.

After graduating from high school, Shue attended Wellesley College before transferring to Harvard in 1985.

Three and a half years later, Shue made the decision to leave, due to the steady stream of roles that ensured her place on Hollywood's A-list.

After Leaving Las Vegas, however, Shue's career suffered a slew of commercial and critical disappointments including The Trigger Effect, Palmetto, Cousin Bette and Molly.

Shue tore her Achilles tendon during the shooting of her next movie, Paul Verhoeven's The Hollow Man, and filming was delayed for several months.

The film is still due to hit theaters this summer.

Stephen Huvane, Shue's agent, said he does not know exactly when she'll begin classes.

"The timing depends on one more movie role she wants to do," he said.

Shue is married to director Davis Guggenheim, who has worked on episodes of ''ER,'' ''NYPD Blue,'' and ''Party of Five.''

University officials said they know little else about Shue's impending return. A Harvard News Office spokesperson said that "Harvard only knew about it because of Elisabeth's comments in a magazine. We don't know anything else about it. She hasn't said anything about it to us."

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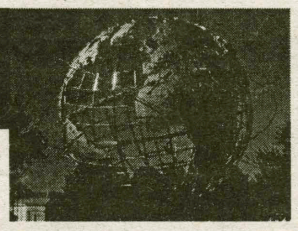

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U.S. watching Austrian Gov't

WASHINGTON (AP) - The United States will keep a close watch on Austria's new coalition government, which includes

Joerg Haider's extreme right-wing Freedom Party, a State Department spokesman said Thursday.

"While it's premature to talk about our actions at this stage, we will determine what steps are appropriate based on what happens,'' James Foley said.

The United States remains concerned even though Haider and his coalition partner, Wolfgang Schuessel of the centrist Austrian People's Party, renounced the nation's Nazi past and promised to respect European values.

Any suggestion "our concerns would evaporate simply on the basis of a statement is not credible," Foley said.

He repeated Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's statement from Wednesday that the Austria people have the right to choose their own government.

"But the international community has its own rights and obligations to be on the watch, to be concerned about the fate and future of democracy in a fellow democracy in Austria,'' Foley said.

Albright expressed the U.S. position in a telephone conversation Wednesday with Schuessel and rebutted suggestions that Schuessel had ignored her and joined Haider in a coalition.

Chernobyl returns to full power

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) - The only functioning reactor at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant returned to full capacity early

Thursday after repairs on a safety valve, the plant announced. The reactor had been shut down Jan. 30 after problems were discovered in the valve.

A 1986 explosion at Chernobyl's No. 4 reactor became the world's worst nuclear accident, sending a radioactive cloud over much of Europe. Ukraine had pledged to shut the plant down this year, but the government now says it first needs funding to complete two other reactors that would make up for the power lost by the shutdown.

Also Thursday, a reactor at Ukraine's Rivne nuclear power plant was restarted after four months of repairs, officials said.

Ukraine's nuclear reactors produce more than 40 percent of the country's electricity.

French Oarsman rows across Pacific

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) - French marathon oarsman Jo Le Guen left the calm waters of Wellington harbor

Thursday for a choppy Pacific as he began his bid to become the first person to row solo across the ocean.

Le Guen, 52, whose 5,580 mile odyssey is intended to focus attention on ecological problems in the world's oceans, estimates it will take about four months to reach his planned destination, Cape Horn in Chile.

"I hope I can do the job," he said before climbing into his black craft. "I'll do my best to take care of myself, but who knows - the South Pacific is bigger than me.''

Le Guen's wife Marie-Claire said they would be able to stay in contact via telephone and e-mail but she would still worry.

His technology-packed, 9-yard boat, called "keep it blue," weighs 2,508 pounds. It boasts electric equipment powered by batteries charged by solar panels and two windmills on the boat.

As well as hi-tech navigation and communications equipment, Le Guen will be carrying three sets of 9-foot oars, dried food for the duration of the journey, 110 pounds of fresh water and two water purifiers capable of extracting salt from sea water.

The oarsman plans to row eight hours each day, broken into a morning and afternoon session before squeezing himself into his "coffin bed," a 24-inch-wide rack in the center of the boat designed to stop him being thrown out by the Pacific's powerful swells.

No stranger to ocean crossings, the father of five has twice rowed the Atlantic. On one trip he went solo and on the other he was in a two-man team.

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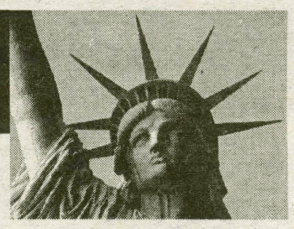

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Army May Prosecute No Gun Ri Vets

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Army has begun interviewing Korean War veterans and has not ruled out criminal prosecutions as a result of its investigation of the alleged mass killing of South Korean civilians at No Gun Ri, Army Secretary Louis Caldera said Wednesday.

Likening the situation to war crimes trials following World War II, Caldera told the Associated Press, "We don't want to set a double standard." He added, however, that it is too early to conclude that any actions by American troops at No Gun Ri at the outset of the Korean War rose to the level of war crimes.

Caldera said Army investigators so far have questioned a few dozen U.S. veterans from units that were in the area at the time of the alleged killings, but have not yet talked to those who told the AP last year that a large number of South Korean refugees were gunned down at the hamlet of No Gun Ri.

Before the AP report, which was based on ex-soldiers' statements as well as declassified U.S. government documents, both U.S. and South Korean officials had insisted there was no evidence to support the claims. After the report, however, both the Defense Department and South Korea launched investigations.

Caldera said the Army needs to investigate further before deciding whether criminal prosecutions are warranted.

Capitol police investigate liquid

WASHINGTON (AP) - A section of the Capitol was closed for two hours Thursday after a woman was seen pouring an unidentified liquid down a grate, a Capitol Police spokesman said.

Lt. Dan Nichols said the building was reopened after police confirmed that no hazardous materials were released.

Nichols said a police response team was called in after a building employee reported that a woman had poured a vial of liquid down an ornamental grate just off the center of the building on the first floor. He said the woman left the scene and her whereabouts were not known. The nature of the liquid was not known.

Navy to keep control Russian tanker

WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. Navy decided today to divert and retain control of a Russian tanker stopped in the Persian Gulf, pending a decision on whether to seize oil U.S. officials believe came from Iraq in violation of a U.N. embargo.

Russian officials said the oil came from Iran.

The Russian-flagged commercial ship is to be diverted to a yet-to-be-determined anchorage in international waters and then possibly turned over to a third country, said Pentagon spokesman Adm. Craig Quigley.

"This is not an insignificant action," Quigley said. He said U.S. Navy personnel assigned to an international inspection operation boarded the ship Wednesday by helicopter without resistance and have gathered "enough evidence to say we believe this vessel is carrying contraband.''

The guided missile cruiser USS Monterey, operating as part of an international force monitoring Persian

Gulf waters, stopped the Russian merchant vessel Volga-Neft-147 Wednesday off the coast of the United Arab Emirates, the Pentagon said.

"The suspected sanctions violator, which was tracked beginning with its departure from Iraqi water until its interception, is believed to be carrying petroleum products of Iraqi origin prohibited from export by U.N. sanctions,'' the Navy's 5th Fleet, based in Bahrain, said in a statement.

FCC chief pushes wireless Internet

WASHINGTON (AP) - The nation's communications chief said Thursday he wants to spread wireless technology across the country quickly to revolutionize Americans' daily life, from the Internet and movies to cars and kitchen appliances.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Federal Communications Commission Chairman William Kennard said to achieve that goal, the FCC will auction more slices of the airwaves for wireless technology and draft new standards for digital TV.

Hamilton Model United Nations ranks first in NESCACS; set to finish year in New York Competition

By Ben Schuster '03
GUEST NEWS WRITER

The Hamilton Model United Nations team quietly continues its memorable year, proving to be one of the best UN teams among small schools and the top team amongst its NESCAC counterparts.

Model UN is a debate-like activity in which teams represent nations in a simulation of the United Nations. The exercise tests students' knowledge of international relations and public speaking.

This year the UN squad competed in October in Washington D.C. and last weekend in Montrea.

In D.C., the team had a lot of material to work with as Hamilton represented the volatile nations of Israel and Turkey. Freshman Ben Schuster, later commended by the conference as a top delegate, led the team. Team captain Darren Block, sophomore Seth Sharp, senior Jack Spangler and sophomore Lindy Roath also gave solid performances.

"I was real pleased at the job our team did," said team captain Darren Block. "We showed that we can compete with schools five times our size."

The squad turned in an even better performance in Montreal. Although the results and awards have not been announced, team members believe they surpassed their D.C. showing and hope to receive an award as one of the top delegations at the conference.

While three repeat competitors Block, Spangler and Schuster continued to show the collegiate world that Hamilton UN is a force to be reckoned with, freshman Claire Ramsey and senior Andrew Osterman also showed surprising skill.

"It is exciting to see so many people on the team share in our success," Spangler said. "We have a lot of freshman this year who came on real strong. If given the opportunity, the sky is the limit for our success in the future."

The team has one competition left this year. In April, Hamilton Model UN will travel to the national tournament in New York City where it hopes to cap off its year with national recognition.

Model EU discusses Common Foreign and Security Policy

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presented their final resolutions. The issues specifically considered were institutional reform in preparation for enlargement and the Common Foreign and Security Policy. During some of the sessions, professors from the universities participating in the conference gave lectures on various aspects of the European Union, and an expert witness was brought in during the crisis simulation. When the students were not in session, they were given time to tour the city and relax.

The members of the delegation acted as strong leaders in the conference, with Jeff Krutz leading the committee of Corepers. Also, Jack Spangler guided the committee of Foreign Ministers, Byron D. Miller served as Vice Chair of his committee. Student expenses for the trip were partly covered by Hamilton. This conference provided an excellent opportunity for students to apply their studies of parliamentary procedure and the operations of the European Union. I learned a great deal about the role of the individual members of the European Parliament in playing the part of my alter ego during the simulation. In speaking with the other students, the general sentiment is that this was a very successful learning experience, as well as a great tour of Prague. Next year the conference will be held in Buffalo.

Class of 2000 Representative Platforms

Sarah Henry

Hey seniors — most of you probably don't know it but you guys need a new Class Rep. in Student Assembly. At this late stage in the game my main concern will be working with your other Reps. to plan an awesome, memorable Senior Week for the Class of 2000. For those of you who are wondering, no I have never been part of Student Assembly at Hamilton, but DON'T WORRY! I do have experience! In sixth grade I planned a very successful food drive for my Student Council. I will not let you down! So next Wednesday, February 9th when you're passing through Beinecke, take 2 seconds to put a check next to Sarah Henry for your Class Representative.

Adam Abbate

As your past Representative and a current member of the Student Assembly, I have an intimate working knowledge of how our student government works and what our class leadership has been doing this year. Upon my return to the position of Class Representative, I will work diligently to make this year's senior week everything we want it to be, and at the same time make sure our interests are being represented on the Assembly. Cast a vote for experience on February 9th, and return me, Adam Abbate, to the duty of being your Class Representative

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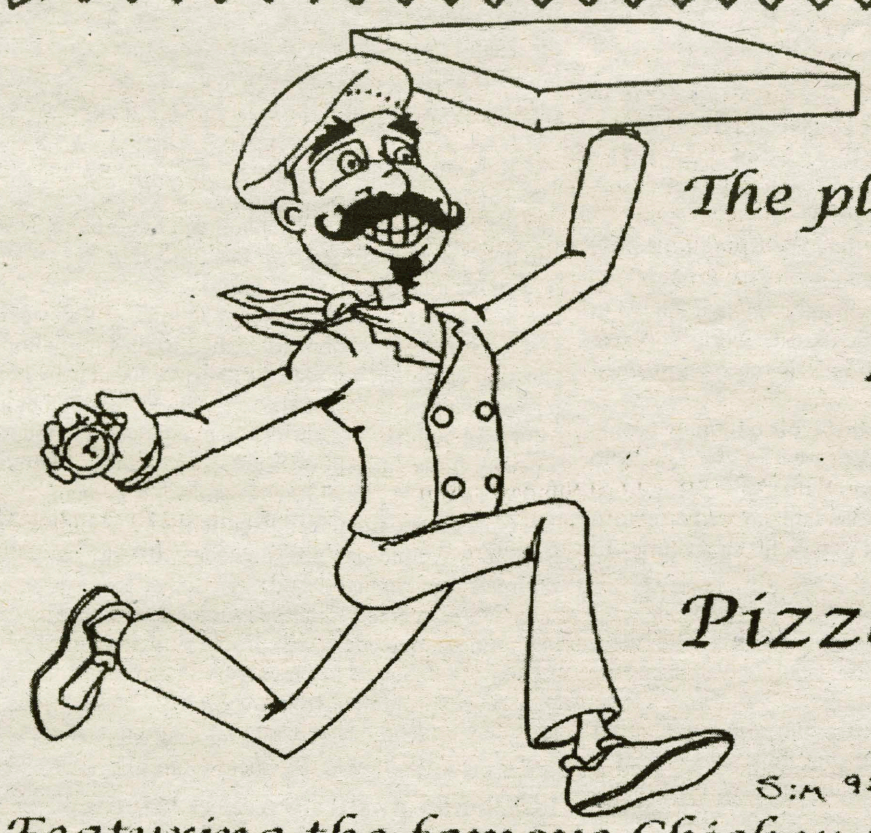

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The Noose Gets Tighter

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This coming fall, in an experimental effort, 50 lucky Seniors will be afforded the right to take care of themselves, without the assistance of Bon Appetit and friendly Resident Advisors. Furthermore, these 50 guinea pigs will be challenged to do their own shopping, cooking, cleaning, driving, and all around decision-making. Some administrators remain pessimistic about letting the children run rampant, but others contend that sometimes, you just have to let kids make their own mistakes. While releasing 50 students to the thriving metropolis which surrounds us might sound risky to some, many support the notion that 22-year olds, who are 8 months away from the perils of the "real world," should be able to make their own decisions about where they want to spend their final year at Hamilton, especially after spending more than $130,000. Unfortunately, that is not possible. What a crock.

The magic number has greatly diminished: once upon a time 150 kids were allowed to lift their heels out of our urine-soaked dorms, but now only 50 can embark on such an endeavor. But after 3 splendid years here on the Hill, I have learned to accept that the administration likes to make important decisions on their own in an attempt to further the best interests of the school: so be it. So what are these interests? To instill a stronger sense of community? To protect the students from the crime-infested streets of Clinton? To encourage young men and women to strengthen that special bond that can only be fostered in a dormitory? Or are the reasons purely financial?

Regardless of which excuse they give, forcing students to live in dormitories for four years is a step in the wrong direction. Seniors should be encouraged to take on extended responsibilities. Although Clinton is a far cry from the "real world," it is definitely a good playground for learning how to execute certain important tasks, e.g. paying bills, making your own tuna, and not breaking your own windows. While some students prefer dormitory life, the decision should be in the students' hands.

The Griffin Road apartments and the Saunders House are the only two normal dormitories on campus that provide a setting conducive to cooking your own meals on a regular basis. Combined, these two facilities accommodate roughly 50 Hamilton students. So next year, a grand total of around 100 of 450 seniors will be allowed to escape from the trenches of Bon Appetit and consume food which will stay in their systems for longer than 15 minutes. The soup at the Diner tonight was called "Sausage Pizza." That just can't be healthy.

Moreover, the process through which Res Life organizes the off-campus lottery doesn't make sense. A junior aspiring to live off-campus has only two options, both of which advocate poor and irresponsible planning. A student can either place a down payment on an apartment 5 months ahead of time, knowing that there is only an 11% chance that he/she will actually get to live there. Or, the student can wait until May to find out that he/she has beaten the odds, then proceed to try to find a place a week before finals. And of course, over the summer, a letter will go out telling all or most seniors that admissions accepted too many young ones again and that they can start looking for an apartment after all. Something tells me that the person who contrived this little plot is either devious or senile: probably a good combination of both.

So what are the alternatives? How about holding an off-campus lottery in December for all interested juniors? The lucky students could then find apartments and the unlucky ones could begin plotting the illegal room switch that would land them in their dorm of choice. We could even set up a system based on academic merit, whereby the top fifty students (in terms of GPA) within the off-campus lottery pool would be given preference. Such a policy would have two positive effects: first, most students would know well ahead of time whether or not they would even qualify for off-campus housing, and second, it might even encourage some students to perform better academically. This could in turn lead to the mother of all accomplishments: a rise in the US News & World Report rankings.

So the stranglehold has gotten tighter, and yet another choice has been made for us. I'm sure this will be a hot issue at the Adler Conference next year, and I have every confidence that the Trustees and Administrators will listen to the concerns of the discontented student body and mark the error of their ways. Shortly thereafter, the cable will be turned on, the bookstore folk will become reasonable in all facets of their operation, real eggs will be used in the omelets at Commons, and the Fencing Team will finally get the funding they need to achieve varsity status. But in the meantime, may everyone know that disgruntled alumni usually aren't too eager to reach for their checkbooks. You can only eat so much pizza soup.

Overemphasis Placed on Athletics in America

Riley Fenner

Athletics are arguably a more revered activity in our society currently than they have been at any time historically. The salaries of professional athletes continue to reach stratospheric levels, as do the walls of the colossal stadiums in which they compete. For the first time in our nation's history, this year's presidential race features a strong contender who is a former professional athlete. Today, a child's first hero is more likely now to be a professional athlete than the heroes of times past: soldiers, astronauts, firefighters or other public servants. As kids are increasingly left without parents to come home to in the afternoon, participation in after-school sports programs skyrockets.

Theoretically, this state of affairs should produce a healthier nation than time has ever known, right? I think not. On the contrary, it is common knowledge that Americans on the whole lead more sedentary lives and are less physically capable than at any time in our history. How is this possible? Because our most popular athletic pursuits can discourage physical fitness as much as they encourage it.

Competitive varsity sports programs, at all levels of education, value the success of the team above the well being of the individual. Practices involve repetitive exercising of the same handful of muscles because that will lead to better performance in competition, even though such narrow emphasis does not lead to a fully developed body. Although some coaches emphasize total fitness, the most significant harm comes at game time. Athletes are put under intense pressure to win without regard to the strain on an individual's body. Competitive wrestlers, for example, are often in great shape-but to "make weight" they can resort to spitting in cans all day or jogging while covered from head to toe in saran wrap.

When I was a Cross Country runner in high school, I fractured a bone in my foot during my senior season. There was lots of pressure on me to compete in the regional meet that would qualify us for state competition. However, while my coach and teammates focused on the success of our team, my doctor's caution that running would cause permanent damage made more sense. In this case, I weighed the consequences of running and not running against each other, and decided that my life wouldn't be made much better by running in the meet. Other individuals confronted with similar choices envision better consequences for their personal "success" and thus compete in spite of pain. Ultimately, injuries force athletes to abandon a sport they once cherished. Rather than emphasize total body fitness and individual well-being, teams emphasize collective success at any cost.

As a result of the deification of professional athletes, there now exists an entire culture of people who participate vicariously in fierce competition without ever leaving the bleachers or the couch. While the ranks of professional athletes are a tiny percentage of the population, the ranks of those who aspire to such an occupation grow larger every day. These fanatics, rather than pursuing physical fitness for personal enjoyment, simultaneously worship the sporting gods of choice while renouncing their own physical activity. Only a few overzealous fathers with bad backs come to scream at Little League games, but a whole nation of overweight and uncoordinated zombies gathered to watch the Super Bowl last Sunday. And nevertheless, only half the players on the field will leave feeling happy. If there is a single step that can be taken to make athletics more conducive to actual health and well being, it would be to make it illegal for anyone to watch sporting events. Then, the competitors would be able to do what they enjoy without the pressure of an audience, and the displaced populace on the sidelines would be given the time to contemplate the state of their own bodies.

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Weekend Horoscopes

For the Week of February 4, 2000

Capricorn (December 21- January 19)
A good romp in the snow may be just what you are looking for. A little random fun might just do your mental state some good. Your lucky activity: An interview

Aquarius (January 20 - February 17)
Trouble keeping it all together lately? Well the future looks better as long as you get enough rest. Your lucky dining hall this weekend: Commons

Pisces (February 18 - March 19)
Your fine taste in clothing (especially pants) will eventually bring you something you have been hoping for. Your lucky soda this weekend: Dr. Pepper

Aries (March 20 - April 19)
Friends and fun are your middle name this weekend, but don't get too crazy or strange things might occur. Your lucky furniture this weekend: A couch

Taurus (April 20 - May 19)
A secret admirer still has their eye on you, so try to be on your best behavior this weekend. Your lucky shoes this weekend: Boots

Gemini (May 20 - June 20)
You will always get the work done in your life, so take a break when the party bell chimes for you this weekend and answer its call. Your lucky mall this weekend: Sangertown Square

Cancer (June 21 - July 21)
Don't let the stupid people around you ruin your life, learn to live with them and you will eventually be recognized for your place as one of the smart ones in this world. Your lucky food this weekend: Oyster crackers and ketchup

Leo (July 22 - August 22)
Don't worry, eventually a stuffed animal won't be the only companion that you have in life, but for now it is the sanest one that you will find. Your lucky group this weekend: The Backstreet Boys

Virgo (August 23 - September 21)
People may know more about you than you think so take precautions, you can never know who is watching you as you check your mail. Your lucky vehicle this weekend: The jitney

Libra (September 22 - October 22)
Don't be so sure when it comes to matters of a trivial pursuit, a victory once is not a victory always. Your lucky animal this weekend: A bird

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)
If you are looking for order in your life, tackle the messes around you before they reach your knees. Your lucky activity this weekend: Laundry

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 20)
Watch the cold weather because chapstick doesn't always work when and where you need it. Your lucky over the counter medicine: Maalox

Editorial

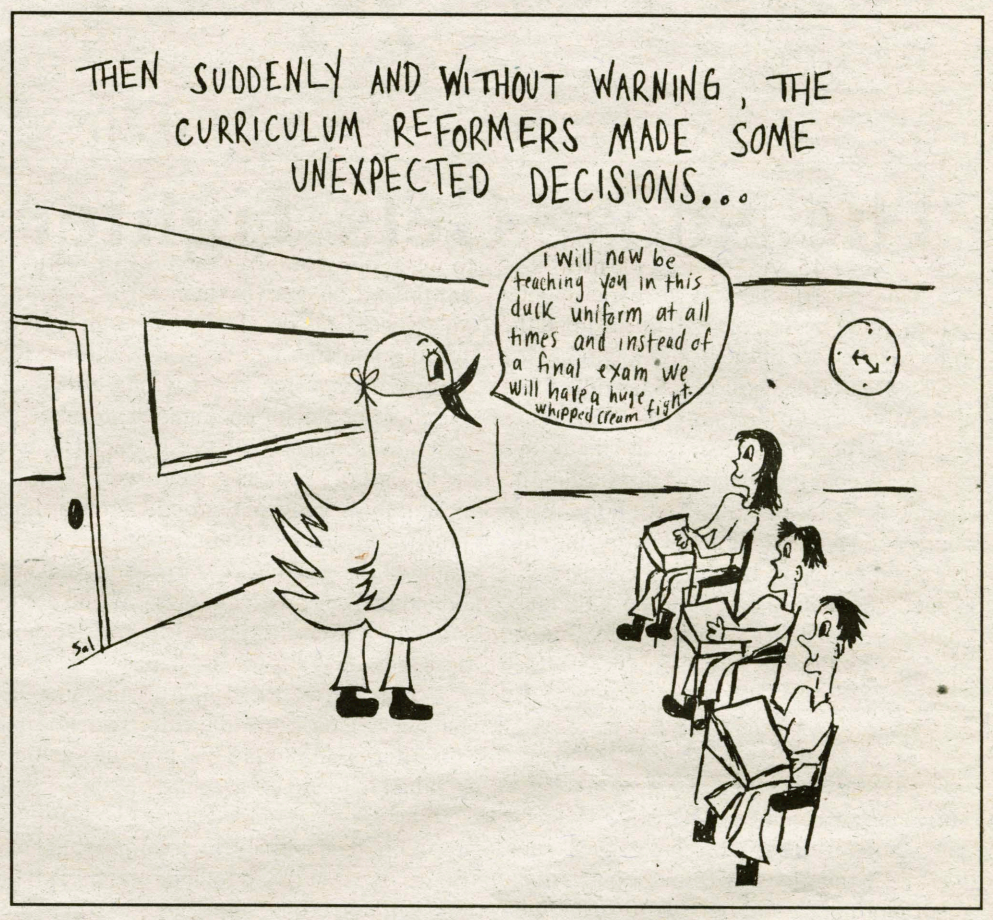
Hamilton's faculty is in the process of debating curricular reform. This is something that will affect Hamilton students for the next 25 years and could result in a major overhaul of Hamilton's entire academic philosophy, including, but not limited to the current distribution requirements and the fact that there may be the addition of a sophomore seminar series.

What is quite shocking about the whole reform process is that very few students know about it, and that there has been no direct student input whatsoever into any part of the process. There are 1650 student on this campus, each of whom work toward the academic goals of the college daily.

For the faculty of the school to think that students are going to accept their reforms and move on is naïve. There will no doubt be students who question the whole process and perhaps have ideas that faculty members never thought of during their long meetings. In addition, this process affects students more than any other group on campus, yet the faculty still frowns upon our input. Perhaps the faculty should create a forum where it would present the reforms to the student body, thus offering a chance for students to voice their opinions regarding the various aspects of the reform.

This issue is only one of many important decisions that will be made by those in power without any major input from students. It is unfortunate that those in the power structure continue to forget that students care a great deal about what goes on here and ignoring them will only further alienate the student body. It is our hope that The Spectator can begin to bridge the gap between the two sides. We plan to cover the curriculum changes and other issues closely and bring all members of the community the real story.

It appears that the faculty did not and does not want to hear what students think of curriculum reform. This is most disturbing. It disheartens us that important decisions are being made on this campus without the necessary and proper dialogue between student and administrator.


THEN SUDDENLY AND WITHOUT WARNING, THE CURRICULUM REFORMERS MADE SOME UNEXPECTED DECISIONS...
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Letters

To the Editor:

I would like to congratulate The Spectator for its new style and philosophy. I hope the new leadership is committed to moving away from being the kind of college publication that lists the top ten rear ends on campus to a newspaper that the entire Hamilton community could benefit from. However, I was disappointed to see the same tired editorial about the lack of diversity at our campus in the last issue.

The writer of "Blue oxfords, tan khakis, and marginalization" insults our newly elected Student Assembly President and Vice-President and the wide margin of students that voted for them. He seems to think that his own failed campaign is a sign of preserving the "status quo" on campus. This is the same campaign promising no actual agenda other than the promise that he and his co-runner were going to "booze" regardless of the outcome. Not surprisingly the largest voter turnout in Hamilton's history cared enough to vote for integrity and campus concern over the status quo of apathy seen in their campaign.

John O'Keefe and Dave Bugliari did not win a popularity contest. In fact, they fought against one. While they were trying to talk to students about increasing communication between campus organizations and forming a more active role for the Student Assembly, their competitors were busy using editorials in The Spectator to further their campaign with inside jokes and self-congratulatory thoughts.

O'Keefe and Bugliari did not win because of their clothes or their appearance, but simply because they were the better candidates. Thus, complaining that the election represents the lack of differences among Hamilton students is slightly correct. Luckily, this minority group who stand for mockery rather than change remain unrepresented.

Stacey Stump '02

To the Editor,

Why is it that virtually all Haitian refugees, including children, are returned to Haiti by the Coast Guard, while many Cuban refugees are allowed to stay in the United States? The conditions of life for children in Haiti are much worse than in Cuba. Children work in sweatshops for U.S. corporations like Disney, and there is no free health care and education as there is in Cuba. Cuba is a better enviornment for children, even with the U.S. embargo, than is Haiti. If Elian Gonzalez had been one of the thousands of Haitian children risking their lives to flee that island, the story would have been completely ignored by the U.S. media.

This little boy has suffered enough with the loss at sea of his mother and now the continuing debate over which country he should call home. If these U.S. politicians, who constantly talk of "family values," really believe in them, Elian Gonzalez should be sent back to his father and grandparents in Cuba!

Sincerely,

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The Power of Respect

A couple of months ago I had the good fortune to meet an R & B guitarist named Bobby Green. Bobby has toured for 45 years but has now decided to settle down in Syracuse to stay near his familty. But a remarkable musician can't sit still and his current band is dynamic and full of equally remarkable younger musicians. Luckily for us, Bobby and his band agreed to play at The Little Pub on a recent Friday night.

In the process of negotiating the contract, Bobby sent me his promo packet. His successes over the years are impressive, but I was saddened to

Betsy Espe

read about his recent experiences in clubs in central NY where his race (and that of his band members), not their musical ability, was the determining factor in their employment. This sets the stage for last Friday evening.

Bobby and his band arrived at The Little Pub and began setting up. While they readied their equipment I walked to the bathroom and on that walk I overheard a private conversation between two students. The comment I heard was a joking racist slur about the band. I kept on walking. Since that time I have wondered about my choice to walk by, wondered about those students and wondered about our community.

Whether in a bar or an office or a residence hall room, I still believe that private conversations are just that; I had to lean into their bodies to pass by. If their conversation had been loud, it would have been an oppurtunity to challenge the bigotry. But the students were not loud and they were not obnoxious. They were drinking but so what, we can't blame the alcohol.

Our community is believed to be the best and brightest citizens of the future. We come together with a wide variety of experiences and opinions, but our greatest power is our ability to be respectful of each other -publicly and privately. It's not this single experience that brings me to write this opinion. It is this experience that finally forces me to ask what we treasure about our community. And it is this experience that leads me to ask what choices we are making in our classrooms and in our offices, in our homes, at our events and in our residence hall rooms, and in our employees and in our students. What is it we truly value?

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Can this be good for you?

Genetically altered food, from labs to supermarkets

By Jason Vachon '00

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As you wander down the produce aisle in your local supermarket it is unlikely that genetic engineering springs to mind. Perhaps it should. An increasing number of companies are employing genetic modification and enhancement to create products that are more nutritious, immune to herbicides, resistant to insect pests, or slower to spoil than the natural versions.

Advances in genetics have given us the ability to manipulate the genes of the plants and animals we eat, planting within these organisms the desirable traits of our own choosing. From insecticide producing corn to easily packaged square tomatoes, this new realm of science is affecting our lives in strange and sometimes concerning ways.

Selecting desirable traits in agriculture is nothing new. For centuries, humanity has selectively bred both plant and animal species in an attempt to create the best possible herds and crops. Over time, our influence has shaped the evolution of these species to fit our purposes. With the advent of genetic technology, we gain the ability to accelerate the selection process, adopting desirable traits from one organism and inserting them into another, completely unrelated organism.

The potential benefits of genetically modified food are staggering. Currently, a substantial percentage of crops are lost to insect pests and adverse weather conditions (up to 80% of some species). Varieties of corn have been developed that produce their own insecticide. Some plants will resist herbicides, allowing farmers to apply weed-killing agents without harming their harvest.

In the 1970s, better farming techniques led to a "green revolution," which dramatically boosted food production. Some scientists wonder if genetic engineering could provide a new agricultural revolution to handle the planet's ever-expanding population. Additional benefits include food with a longer shelf life to minimize spoilage, as well as the production of "edible vaccines." These plants would produce ingestible vaccines for a variety of diseases, vastly reducing costs and making disease prevention more accessible to poorer populations.

But questions about the safety of genetically altered food still remain. As a relatively new technology, there has been little time to examine long-term health effects that might be associated with these foods.

Opponents claim that geneticists do not yet fully understand the molecular mechanisms that they are altering and therefore cannot predict how these manipulated organisms will affect our environment. Could the products of these altered genes create a health hazard?

While major biotechnology companies such as Monsato say no, the answer isn't so clear. Recent studies demonstrate that Bt corn, a genetically modified species that produces a natural insecticide to kill corn-devouring pests, may also kill nearby monarch butterflies. These results remain in dispute, but they raise serious questions about this technology.

A major concern is the spread of genes from genetically modified plants to closely related weed species. An herbicide resistance gene that jumps to a weed species could result in a nightmare of weed infestation that farmers would be powerless to control.

The latest battle over genetically modified foods stems from efforts to get these foods labeled. That way, consumers could have a large say in which foods they would rather consume. Most companies have fought the measures and the Food and Drug Administration has been hesitant to implement rules requiring such labeling. Most objections arise from the costs that labeling measures would entail.

Currently, few foods on supermarket shelves would not require some variety of labels. While not every item is directly modified using genetic techniques, most receive some processing that involves materials derived from genetic engineering. More than 80% of cheese in the United States is produced using enzymes isolated from genetically engineered bacteria rather than from more expensive organic sources. Though the cheese itself has not been modified, it would still require a written explanation of the production process on its packaging.

Whether concerns over the safety of genetically modified foods are valid remains to be seen. And with a recent UN agreement requiring limited food labeling on exports, it appears that some formal regulations will be applied to the field. With labeling around the corner though, it is likely that consumers will decide the future of genetically modified foods.

The Tao of Physics: Senior Physics major John Maiden

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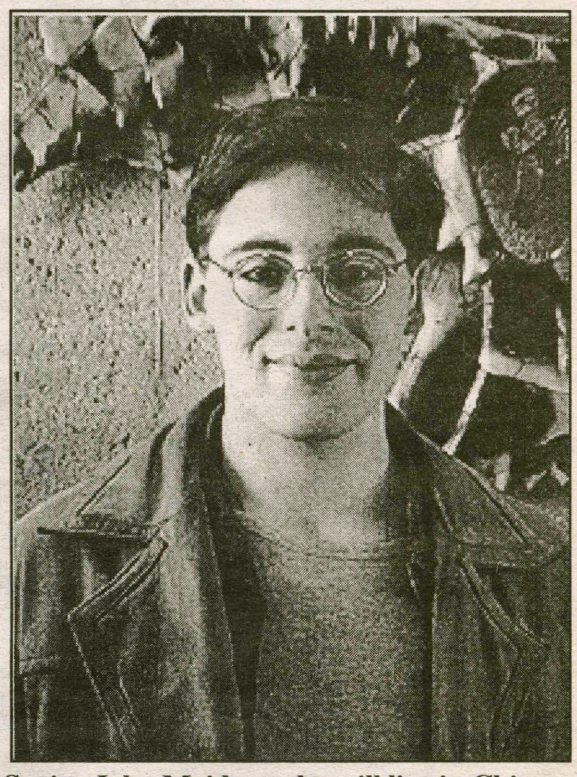

Senior John Maiden, who will live in China next year, is one of only four physics majors.

Think about doing Physics at Hamilton? Get frustrated or spooked by the strenuous course load and lab work? Or maybe you worry how to take full advantage of a liberal arts education with a Physics major? For those who are considering a major in Physics, these questions might be key factors that affect your decisions. Indeed, compared to some traditionally popular departments such as Economics and Government, Physics has quite few concentrators.

Its toughness does scare away many potential concentrators. However, if you take a close look at some senior projects and listen to their understanding of the subject, you will probably start to see Physics from the perspective of philosophy instead of as a subject involving many tedious calculations.

There are four physics majors this year, three of which are double concentrators. While Elena Siegel is also an anthropology major, both John Maiden and Joshua Jenkins are doing double majors in physics and East Asian studies. To many people, it's hard to see any connections between these two disciplines but Josh, who developed interests in both physics and Taoism in high school, believes that the basic concepts behind physics and Taoism are interconnected.

For him, learning Chinese mystical philosophy is a productive way to interpret the objective physical phenomenon as a combination of absolute and relativity. Josh has an English version of the famous Taoist work, the *Dao De Jing*. Illustrated by elegant Chinese paintings and calligraphy, the book is translated by an American woman physicist who sees the common base of physics and Taoism. Josh thinks it's a great experience to find a distant sharer of the same feeling.

As physics can be approached from different angles in a liberal arts background, how did these concentrators take full advantage of it while doing their thesis? Both Jenkins and Maiden came up with the idea of reintroducing Einstein's theory of general relativity, but applying it to different scopes. There is a story behind their initial collaboration.

Chinese mystical philosophy is a useful way to interpret objective physical phenomena.

A physicist at Tufts University by the name of Dr. Yimaz claimed that he had disproved Einstein's famous theory of relativity. One of his co-workers sent Yimaz's paper to Hamilton's Philip Pearle of the Physics department, who happened to be Jenkins and Maiden's advisor. Pearle thought it would be interesting to do some research based on Yimaz's report. Maiden copied the research, checked the equations and showed that Yimaz's model had no realistic physical sense, and thus, no static solution.

Jenkins' part was to look at the expansion of the universe. He reassured the theory of general relativity by using Einstein's cosmological constant to explain that the universe was expanding.

Doing pure research might be fun, but many potential physics majors wonder what to expect out of a physics major from a liberal arts college? What are these physics people going to do after graduation? The most popular answer is probably going to engineering school or business school. But physics touches upon many other fields. Brian Lancor, the final physics major, is considering environmental engineering. Maiden will probably go to Shanghai, China and work in a shipyard for a year to improve his Chinese.

"I will be back and study physics in some graduate school after that, and it will be a place full of diligent Chinese physics students." Then he joked, "I could be a great translator."

Life for a physicist can be a lot more fun than just a bunch of equations and symbols. Actually, Hamilton's physics department is changing its curriculum to makes physics less scary for potentially interested students. The more advanced, calculus-based materials will be pushed back to higher level courses. The hope is for the first two years of physics to be more informative and less intimidating.

Visiting professor Dr. Larry Bopp and ten bio students explore life at its smallest levels

By Moriah Krafft '02

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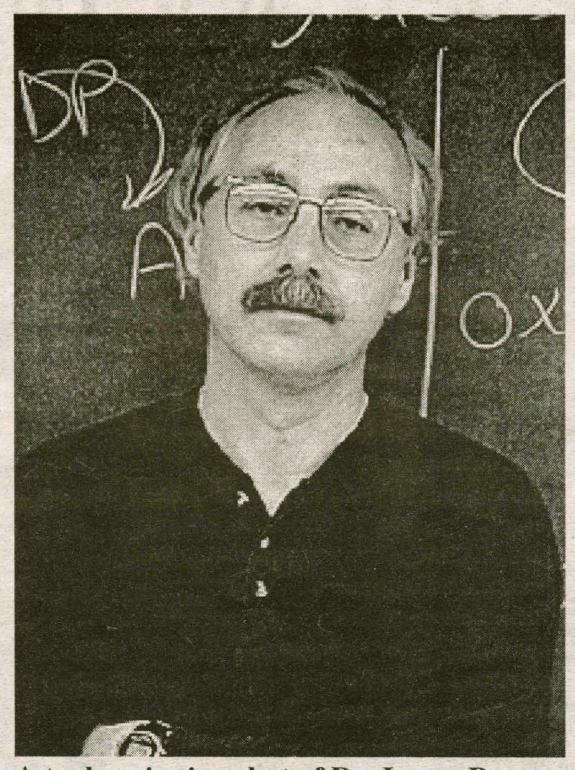
Remember when your mom used to tell you not to put that thing in your mouth because you don't know where it's been and it might have germs? Have you ever wondered how safe the food in Commons really is?

This semester there are ten Hamilton biology students learning how to find the answers to these and many more questions in a new course called Introduction to Medical Microbiology. It is not the typical class though. It meets from 1 - 4 pm on Monday afternoons, then reconvenes from 6 - 9 pm for the laboratory section.

You might be asking "What is microbiology and why would anybody want to learn about it?" Simply put, microbiology is the study of microbes. This includes the approximately one percent of microbes that actually cause disease, from viruses like the cold and HIV, to E. coli and other harmful bacteria, to the other unicellular (single-celled) organisms that aid in things like our digestive processes or the production of beer and wine.

You might also be asking yourself, "Why would anybody want to study this stuff?" From his extensive work in this area, Dr. Larry Bopp, the visiting professor who is teaching the microbiology course, says that "Microbiology is important in every breath you take, every drop of water you drink, in the weather you deal with every day. In short, in all aspects of life."

Bopp is a research scientist at the Stratton VA Medical Center in Albany. Once a week he makes the commute from Albany to share his expertise in one of the most important and fascinating fields of medicine and science.



A truly gripping shot of Dr. Larry Bopp, visiting professor of microbiology. He drives from Albany on Mondays to teach medical applications of microbiology.

Bopp received his BS in biology at SUNY Albany. He then earned his MS in virology, and he holds a doctorate in microbiology from the Rensselear Institute at Troy. He now specializes in infectious bacterial diseases and performs experiments to see how they work.

"Microorganisms are integral parts of all of nature, and in understanding and trying to maintain a balance between nature and human activity, it is important that the roles of microorganisms be appreciated and understood," said Bopp. "That is true whether we are talking about pathogenic microorganisms (disease-causing), which comprise a small minority of the earth's microflora, or other microorganisms that we are yet to discover."

Though Bopp is now involved in medical microbiology, his first interest was environmental microbiology. He spent the first few years of his career studying the biodegradation of PCBs, a highly toxic industrial byproduct capable of irreparable genetic damage. Currently he is trying to figure out the regulation of a virulence gene in a certain strain of bacteria called *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.

When microbiology and technology coordinate efforts, the results affect us in many more ways than we realize. Industrial applications of this kind of science bring us the blue dye used in coloring most brands of blue jeans. By inserting into a host bacteria a new piece of genetic information in the form of DNA, scientists are able to produce huge quantities of high quality dye at a cost far below that of production by the older method of extracting it from certain flowers.

But micrbiology is not just churning out millions of gallons of dye. Microbiologists are also charged with knowing everything there is to know about the pathogens that affect us, from the deadly yet fanatically publicized ebola virus to the military's healthy stock of biological weapons

As a functioning part of a professional off-the-hill scientific center, Bopp brings wonderful anecdotes and great stories to class. After some stories though, you might not want to go eat for a while, considering the things we would actually find if we could see things that small.

Bopp enjoys his work, adding that "I've always been interested in science, microbiology, and especially the study of infectious diseases."

"First," he says, "I like to try to find out how things work, and there's a lot of that in what I do. Second, if I can find out anything worthwhile, it could help save a life or prevent a disease, so it is rewarding from that point of view."

He is currently researching the effectiveness of new antibiotics, and specifically how they behave in the treatment of various pathogens. He also studies the HIV virus, at the genetic level, in a search to understand the mechanisms that may ultimately be helpful in producing more effective drugs.

Bopp is not a stranger to the classroom experience, either. He taught microbiology for five years at the University of Southern Mississippi before returning to New York to get married. He also taught microbiology at Schenectady County Community College and SUNY Albany, and genetics at Siena College. With that background, how does Hamilton College compare with the places he has taught in the past?

Bopp says he likes Hamilton, especially the small class size, as it allows for close professor-student interactions.

Four-day oil spill in Brazil damages fragile ecosystems

By Peter Brunette '02

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

While the story failed to make headlines in many American newspapers, on January 18, more than 1 million liters of crude oil spilled into a protected mangrove swamp in Guanabara Bay, near Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. This oil spill is the worst to hit Brazil in recent memory. It is likely to severely damage the habitats of several endangered species of birds, fish, reptiles and crustaceans.

The Guanabara Bay slick has a total area of 15 square miles. It encompasses the protected Guapimirim and Jequia mangrove swamps, and extends to Rio's international airport. Among other endangered species, the swamps are home to the yellow-throated alligator and the blue egret. More than directly killing animals though, the pollutants may contaminate the meat of fish, and are absorbed through the roots of the mangroves, the Associated Press reported last month.

These pollutants can harm animals that do not even come into direct contact with the spill, and have the potential to devastate the local fishing industry. Over 1000 fishers whose livelihoods are jeopardized by the spill have united in a lawsuit against Petrobras, the petrochemical company responsible for the spill.

The spill leaked 1,292,000 liters of oil into Guanabara Bay, according to the company's website. It was the result of a break in a Petrobras oil transportation pipeline.

Petrobras' analysis of the spill attributed the rupture to the settlement of the marshland that the pipe was built on, and to extra fatigue from cooling and heating caused by more oil transfers than normal. The 14-mile pipeline runs from the Reduc refinery, which the Brazilian State Foundation of Environmental Engineering has declared illegal for operating without a license since 1977. A leak was detected in the same pipe in 1997, and it was inspected only 4 months earlier.

Not only could the weak substrate and increased flow in the pipe have been avoided, but also more than 600,000 liters were allowed to leak after the pipeline should have been turned off, Petrobras admitted in a press release. A combination of human error and a computer glitch allowed the spill to continue for 4 rather than 2 days before it was detected. Petrobras fired the company's corporate and environmental affairs director, the Associated Press reported.

Petrobras, owner of a large pipeline network and the largest fleet of tankers in the Southern Hemisphere, has vowed to pay for all costs of cleanup. The government fined Petrobras an additional 50 million reais ($28 million). Petrobras has called in additional support from Karen Purnell, an international specialist in spill accidents, established a bird rehabilitation center, and is distributing food among local comminutes.

But as the Environmental News Network reported, no amount of cleanup can completely restore the ecosystem alone, and it will take decades for the environment to recover completely.

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CAB breaks with tradition

Guster and Harper play Stanley Saturday

PHOTO BY SAM ERICKSON

Guster, Adam Gardner, Brian Rosenworcel and Ryan Miller, take center stage Saturday night at the Stanley.

By Matt Olney'01
A&E EDITOR

A trio of Tufts students who met at freshman orientation and haven't looked back since have blossomed into one of the most innovative bands on tour today-and will be at the Stanley Theater in Utica Saturday night.

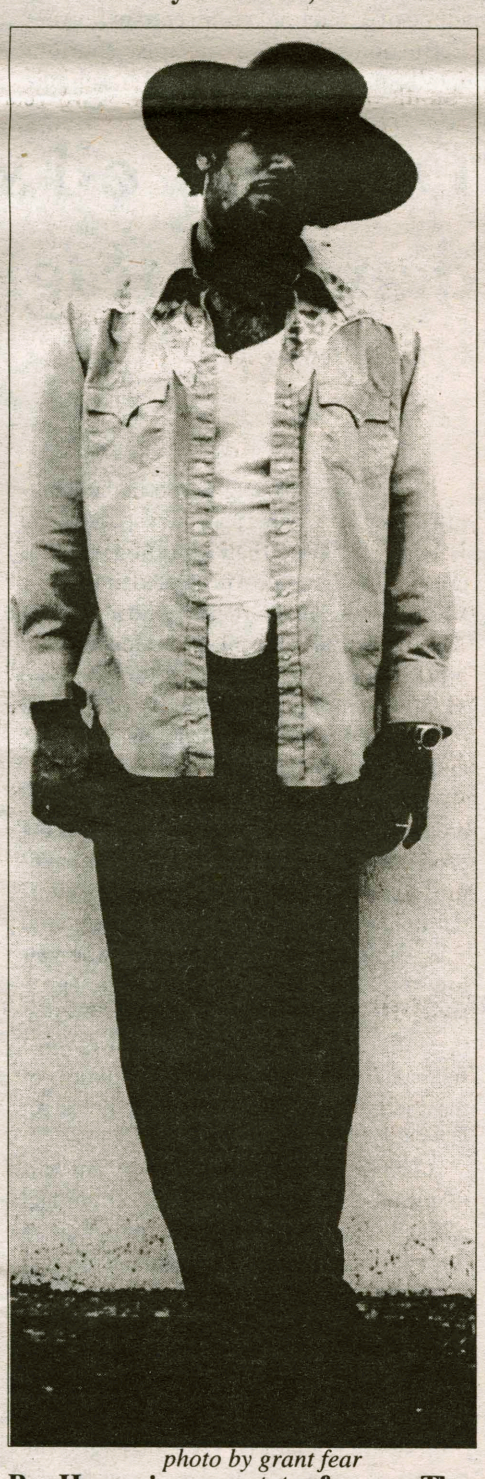
CAB has decided to veer away from Dave Matthews and Blues Traveler-once-popular acts that became monotonous after playing here seemingly every year-to bring to Hamilton two lesser-known rising stars: Guster and Ben Harper.

Opening is Guster, three Tufts graduates and H.O.R.D.E. veterans.
According to Adam Gardner, Guster's vocalist and guitarist, the group never resorted to playing cover songs in frat house basements. Their music has always been original-a gamble that paid off.

They came out with their first album, "Parachute," in 1994 and their next, "Goldfly," in 1996. This album brought them wide acclaim and their touring became more intense. They toured the H.O.R.D.E Festival with Semisonic and played recently on "Late Night With Conan O'Brien." This past summer they played at Woodstock here in Rome.

Producer Steve Lillywhite, involved with both U2 and Dave Matthews, watched Guster sell out two shows at New York's Irving Plaza and took an interest in the band. In 1999 he produced their latest album "Lost and Gone Forever," which has sold many copies. Their current tour has Guster in Utica, North Carolina, Virginia, Louisiana, Texas and then out to the west coast. When asked what is on the horizon, Gardner said the future is bright-and that the band is ready for anything and everything.

After Guster, Ben Harper will take the stage. Harper came onto the scene in 1994 with his first album "Welcome to the Cruel World." This album has a mix of calypso and Mississippi Delta blues with an almost bluegrass feel. His political lyrics are poetic and his messages are strong.



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Ben Harper in a rare state of repose; The slide guitar master is scheduled to rip the Stanley Theater at 8 pm Saturday.

"Fight For Your Mind," Harper's second album, put him on the map and introduced his unconventional and experimental use of a Weissenborn slide guiter. Softer songs such as "Burn One Down" and "Please Me Like You Want To" made it a somewhat mellow album, though songs such as "Ground on Down" dropped in an occasional hard-rock feel. 1997 brought us "The Will To Live" and more of Ben Harper's originality. Innovative songs "Faded," "I Shall Not Walk Alone" and "The Will To Live" highlighted this album, which proved to be as diverse and experimental as his others.

All this time, Harper was appearing on records by Beth Orton, John Lee Hooker, Warren Haynes and Government Mule, and touring with Metallica, Pearl Jam, The Roots and the Fugees. He also appeared at the Tibetan Freedom Concert and the Montreaux Jazz festival. Harper also headlined many concerts in Europe where his albums all reach gold and platinum status.

In September 1999, Harper released his latest album, "Burn to Shine." Virgin Records describes it like this: "Written entirely by Harper, Burn To Shine is the work of extremes: A record where a jarring paean to alienation ("Less") is sandwiched between tender and emotive meditations on love and spirituality ("The Woman In You").

Even the album's more laid back and playful side ("Burn To Shine") is a revelation: Harper and the Innocent Criminals (bassist Juan Nelson, drummer Dean Butterworth and percussionist David Leach) leaning into a groove and seemingly enjoying it like never before."

MOVIE CALENDAR

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PLAY IT TO THE BONE (R)
9:55

DOWN TO YOU (PG13)
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THE HURRICANE (R)
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SCREAM 3 (R)
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TALENTED MR. RIPLEY (R)
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GALAXY QUEST (PG)
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STUART LITTLE (PG)
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THE GREEN MILE (R)
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Movie Review

By Darcy Lewis

Eye Of The Beholder

I have never been to movie where the entire audience rises from their seats at the end and collectively says, "What was that?" but over the weekend this finally happened to me. The stupidity of "Eye of the Beholder", a movie starring Ewan McGregor and Ashley Judd, dumbfounded every single person in the audience. When the audience realized that the movie was actually over and they didn't have to sit through it any longer, they stumbled out of the theater like people in a coma. I would have left the film, except I had faintly hoped that the movie would get better. Boy, was I wrong.

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Ashley Judd in 'Eye of the Beholder'

Supposedly, "Eye of the Beholder" falls within the romance/thriller genre, but I am not sure what to call it. McGregor plays a British Intelligence detective, code name "Eye" (how stupid is that?), who is more than a little loony because he somehow lost track of his wife and daughter. This is one of the many ludicrous, vague plot lines alluded to throughout the film. I looked up the reason why "Eye" was tracking Ashley Judd's character Joanna Eris, and apparently it was because she was suspected of blackmailing the son of some senior official. I cannot recall, however, any point in the story where this is mentioned. McGregor becomes obsessed with Judd and risks everything in his life (which isn't much) to protect her and clean up after her mistakes. Eris is not only a blackmailer, but also a beautiful master of disguises; at least her change of hair color seemed to fool every authority trying to track her down. She is a horrible, violent murderer who would rather shoot someone than talk to him or her. Throughout the entire movie Judd's character moves from town to town killing her lovers or various other people. We also find out that she is an orphan, and that her homeless Dad left her on Christmas Day while she went to beg for some bread to give him for a present (this scene was particularly excruciating).

The Eye tracks her and gradually becomes so obsessed with her that he needs to be near her at all times. He never wants to speak to her or let her know he is there, because in his warped mind talking to her would result in losing her. The Eye cannot lose her like he did his own daughter. Things take a turn for the worst (this movie couldn't get much worse) when the Eye begins to meddle in Joanna's life, altering her fate and his. In his deepest fantasies, his fate and hers are linked because he was a daddy who lost his little girl, and she was a little girl who lost her daddy.

Perhaps the most disturbing part of the movie is its finish. Ending abruptly, the conclusion fits the rest of the movie perfectly in that it leaves the plot unresolved. "Eye of the Beholder" is an enigma that I really don't want to spend one more moment thinking about.

'Girlfight' and 'You can count on me' share top award at Sundance

By Matt Olney'01
A&E EDITOR

At the 1996 Oscar awards, four of the five films nominated were independent; the only studio film, "Jerry MaGuire", left empty-handed. "The English Patient" took the Best Picture award, Geoffrey Rush took the Best Actor award for the independent film "Shine", and Francis McDormand won Best Actress for her work in "Fargo". 1996 was properly named "the year of the independent film." Since then, the major studios have again become dominant in the film industry, but 1996 put the independents in the spotlight. One major reason for this surge in the popularity of independent films is the Sundance Film Festival.

Started in 1978, Sundance focused primarily on retrospective films during its initial years of existence. It slowly grew, and in the early '80s included documentaries and short films. Now, selling 135,000 seats, it is the premiere independent film festival in the world. Sundance receives hundreds of potential entries each year, and many important film critics make appearances.

Many films and directors have gone on to win great fame and fortune after strong showings at Sundance. The Coen Brothers, directors of such films as "Barton Fink", "Fargo", and "The Big Lewbowski", have entered many of their films. Edward Burns and Kevin Smith both made their directorial debuts at Suncance; Burns with "The Brothers McMullen" in 1995, and Smith with "Clerks" in 1994. Two years ago "PI" was victorious, and last year "The Blair Witch Project", which premiered at Sundance, went on to become a box-office smash.

This year, a number of important directors entered films. Steve Buschemi wrote and directed "Animal Factory"; Brad Anderson, who entered "Next Stop, Wonderland" last year, entered his latest film; Stanley Tucci entered "Joe Gould's Secret"; and Sofia Coppola (yes, related to Francis Ford) entered her directorial debut "Virgin Suicides", which received critical acclaim. Actress Sarah Polley directed a short, as did Anne Heche. Many stars acted in these independent films, including Vincent D'Onofrio, James Woods, Marissa Tomei, Kathleen Turner, and Golden Globe winner Janet Mcteer, to name a few.

The Grand Jury prize for the top dramatic film went to two films this year. "Girlfight", directed by Karyn Kusama, who financed the film on credit cards, and starring 18 year old Michelle Rodriguez, tells the story of a Brooklyn high school girl who loves to box. The other film to win the Grand Jury prize was "You Can Count On Me", directed by Kenneth Logerman and starring Laura Linney.

Here is a list of this year's winners:

Grand Jury, Top Dramatic Film: "Girlfight" and "You Can Count On Me"
Best Director: Karyn Kusama, "Girlfight"
Best Screenplay: Kenneth Lonergan, *"You* Can Count On Me"
Grand Jury, Best Documentary: "Long Night's Journey Into Day"
Best Performance: Donal Logue, "The Tao of Steve"
Audience Award, Best Drama: "Two Family House"
Audience Award, Best Documentary: "Dark Days"
Audience Award, Best Foreign Film: Saving Grace

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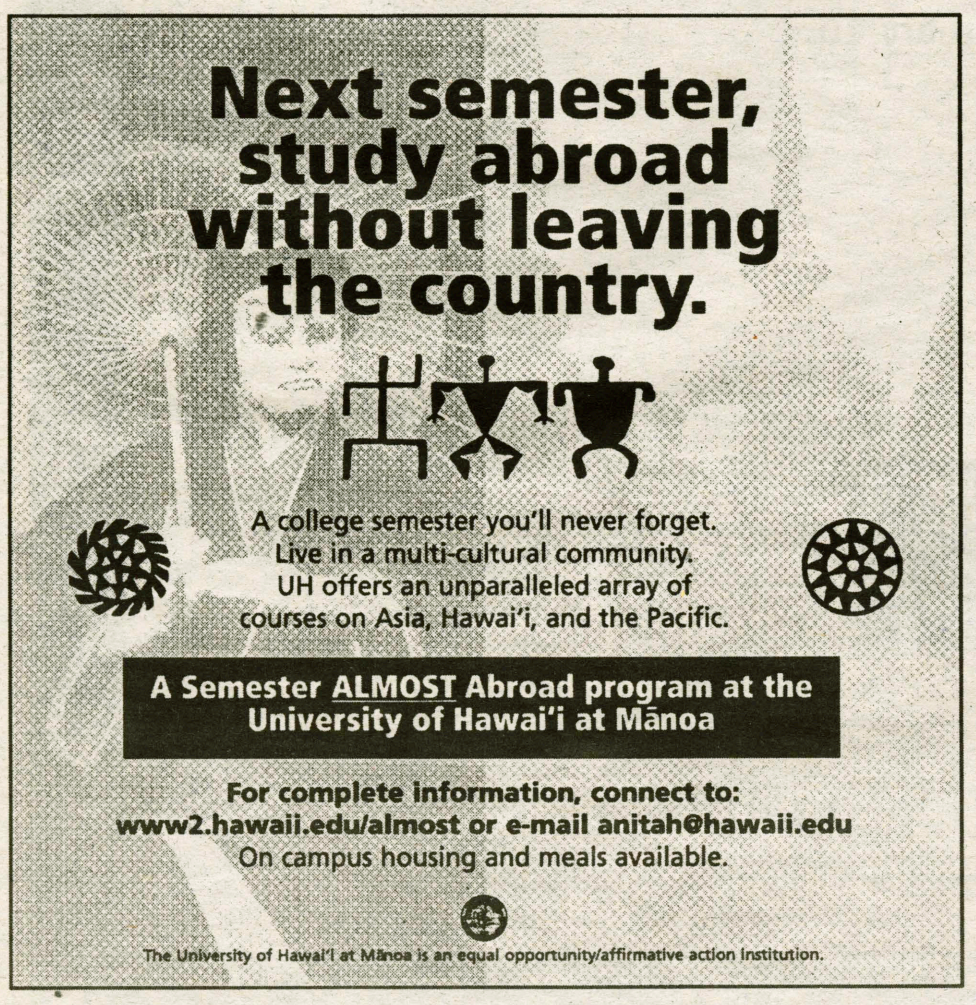
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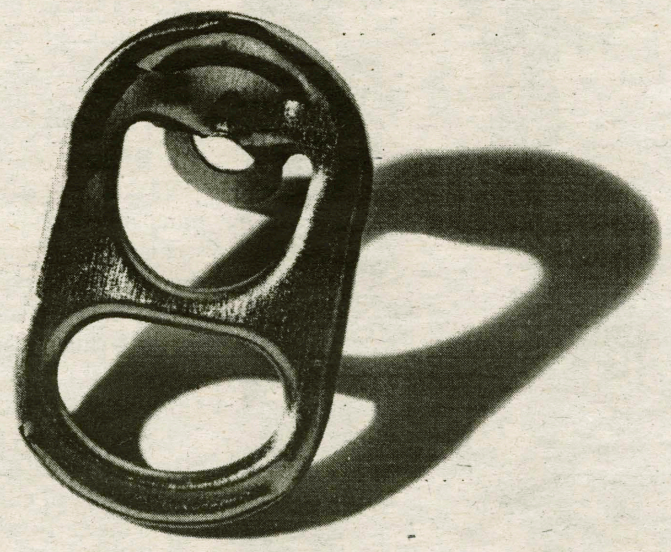

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IM Basketball heats up as playoffs approach

By Mark Barsanti '00
IM SPORTS WRITER

The Intramural Basketball season is in full-swing and as the regular season winds down, and the playoffs approach, the intensity is sure to increase. In the A League, the surprise first place team is X's and O's led by the sweet shooting duo of Art McCann and Brad Fleischer. These two must continue to put up big numbers if their team is going to advance in the playoffs. But perhaps the biggest advantage for this team has been the all-round play of new addition Tony Pasiak who gives the team some much needed inside presence.

In second place, there is a tie between Ghetto Style and Team North. When these two teams face each other on February 7th, it is sure to be a great game. The success of Ghetto style, the defending champions, is based on their ability to create turnovers and score easy transition baskets. They are led offensively by Ron Thomas and defensively by Charles Jones and Mario Henderson. Team North, an all freshman team, has a 4-1 record so far this season. Their only loss was in the first game of the season against sixth place AD. The coach of Team North, Andy Horner said, "Even though we are all freshman, I think that we have a good chance of winning the league title. We possess both an inside and outside game that some teams just don't have." Whether Team North can advance in the playoffs remains to be seen since the upper-class teams won't want to hand over the A league title to a bunch of freshman.

Fourth and Fifth place in the A-League belongs to A plus and the Fat Train. Both of these teams only have two losses and this could make for an interesting first round playoff match-up as A plus defeated the Fat Train in a game earlier this season. A plus is led by Thatcher Freeborn and Chris McCarthy, while the Fat Train has one of the most complete teams in theleague. But according to head coach Mike Harrison the success of the team is their depth. "I have guys that I can bring off the bench such as Scott Barry, Luke Hilpert, and Mike Nuclo that other teams can only dream of having. These three guys would be starters for any other team in the league. I think that this will be a big advantage as the playoffs approach."

In the B League, there are twenty-one teams and only eight of them will make the playoffs, four from each division. The leader of the first Division is Girth led by Scott DeBruin and Ted Stewart. As another B League player, who wished to remain anonymous said," They are not the best basketball players, they just hustle and scrap and get every offensive rebound. Sometimes they get three to four more shots at the basket than their opponents. This is the reason why the are undefeated."

In second place is Team North, another group of freshman from North dorm. The success of this team could be do the their easy schedule as they have not had to play any other of the top four teams. In third place is the Inoculators led by Mike Herren and Matt Glassman. Battling for the last playoff spot in the first division are three teams: Wednesday Night All-stars, Team Angie, and Team Stieglitz. With only one loss, the Wednesday Night All-stars are the front runners to take this spot, but Team Angie is right on their heels.

In the second division, E.M.M. is in first place with a 4-1 record. Second and third place are a battle between The Throwbacks and the Nationals. The Throwbacks are led by JP LeBlanc, Frank Vinci, Peter Ringel, and Greg Geist. The secret to this team's success is that they video tape all of their games. Captain JP LeBlanc says, "This is important because it allows us to go back and to improve our offensive and defensive. By watching the tapes we have been able to see the improvements that we need to make to win the league title. You may laugh at us now, but you won't be laughing when I'm wearing my championship T-shirt."

The final playoff spot in this division is wide open. Some of the teams that are also in contention are The Nationals, Team Hauptfleisch, Team Yaecker, and MJRC. The regular season ends on February 7th and the playoffs will start after that. So, if you are looking to watch some great basketball, come on over to the Fieldhouse to see what teams will win the championship T-shirts.

Women's Track remains undefeated

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Isabel Ezrati '03 finished third with a time of 12:07.67. In the sprint events, Julie Elmuccio '03 and Kate Clark '02 finished first and third in the 55m hurdles with times of 9.2 and 9.48 seconds, respectively.

In the 55m sprint Emily Scursso '02 and Roxanne Hoek '03 finished first and third with times of 7.88 and 7.93 seconds, respectively. Hoek also finished second in the 200m sprint with a time of 28.31 seconds, while Kerryann Freeman '03 finished eleventh in a time of 31.97 seconds. In the 400m sprint Andrea Stroud '03 finished fourth with a time of 1:06.83, while Tricia Kowalski '03 finished fifth in the 500m run with a time of 1:26.38.

Coach Ellen Hull said about the meet, "We had a great meet. We won! Highlights for us included our 4 x 200m [team] qualifying for ECAC's, [and] three school records. We also had several season and/or personal bests."

In the field events, Sherri Hamlette '01 finished first in the 20-lb. weight throw with a distance of 13.23m, while Courtney Robbins '03 finished fourteenth with a distance of 7.88m. Hamlette's throw is a new Hamilton record, and qualified her for ECAC's. She and Robbins also finished sixth and eighth in the shotput with distances of 10.12m and 9.49m.

In the long jump Elmuccio and Clark finished second and sixth with distances of 4.85m and 4.48m. Elmuccio also finished second in the triple jump with a distance of 10.61m, followed by Scursso with a distance of 10.13m, and Kelly Aitken, who finished eighth with a distance of 9.06m. Clark finished fourth in the high jump with a height of 1.47m. In the relays the women finished first in the 4x400m relay with a time of 4:29.4, fourth in the distance medley relay with a time of 13:35, and second in the 4x200m relay with a time of 1:54.22.

Co-captain Lynne Myrth '01 said, "as for today's meet, I was extremely proud of everyone. We did an excellent job (winning the Hamilton Invitational) and we had many personal bests and 3 school records. The teammates really pulled each other and used the good competition to our advantage." The team's next meet is Wednesday at the Colgate Invitational against solid competition from RPI and Marist track and field teams.

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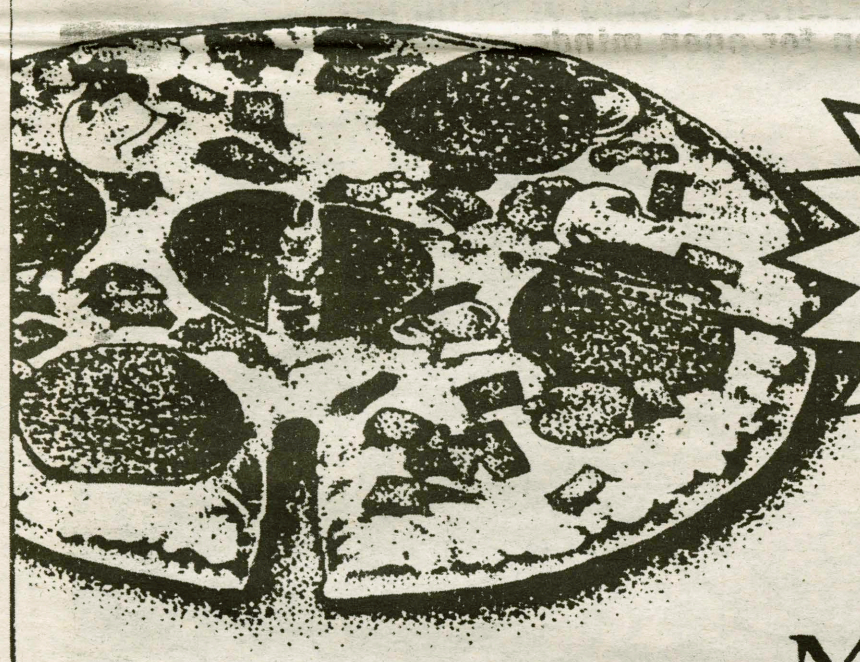

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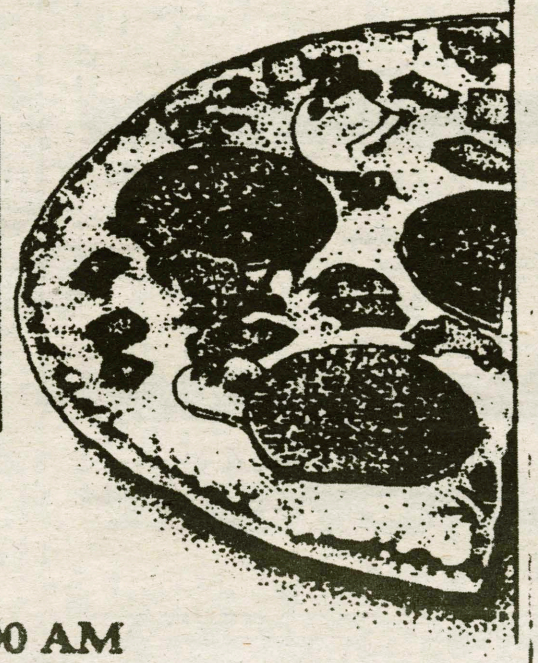

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Russell, Baron standouts on Women's Hoops Team

By Lauren Reynolds '02
SPORTS EDITOR

The Women's Hoops team had another rough weekend at home against NESCAC powerhouses Bowdoin and Colby. Faced with injuries and sickness, the Lady Continentals played most of the weekend without their co-captain, Abby McDermott '01, who fell victim to the flu late last week. However, the team made the best of the situation and saw great things in many of its younger players.

Friday night's match up against Bowdoin, currently 7-7, was a tough battle with few substitutions from Hamilton's bench. Bowdoin maintained a balanced and aggressive offense throughout the game, with all of their players coming off of the bench and scoring. Bowdoin took advantage of the limited resources of the Hamilton squad, especially the loss of McDermott in the post.

The Bears kept forwards Sabrina Valenta '00 and Avery Anderson '03 to 5 points and 8 rebounds combined. At the half, Hamilton was down 41-30, but stayed with the Bears in the second half, scoring 33 to Bowdoin's 35 points. Hamilton's above par outside shooting (55%) kept the score close throughout the game. Jenny Russell '02, Lara Baron '03 and Karen Pogonowski '02 combined for 44 of Hamilton's 63 points. Valenta, a league leader in blocked shots, contributed 9 blocks for the 76-63 loss.

On Saturday afternoon the Lady Continentals faced off against an 11-4 Colby squad. Because of recent sickness and injuries to starters Valenta, McDermott, and Brenna Chiaputti '02, Coach Diehl started three freshmen; Avery Anderson, Lara Baron, and Elizabeth Casey, and two sophomores, Pogonowski, and Russell.

Russell took control of the game early, leading the team with 21 points and adding nine rebounds. Pogonowski contributed 14 points and 4 rebounds, and Lindsey Schantz '03 came off the bench and added 11 points and 3 rebounds. Avery Anderson '03 lead the team with 10 rebounds.

However, as the saying goes, "Age and treachery will beat out youth and skill," and Hamilton's very young and skilled team lost 80-63 to the veteran Colby squad. Colby's senior captain Erin Cole-Karugory led all scorers with 25.

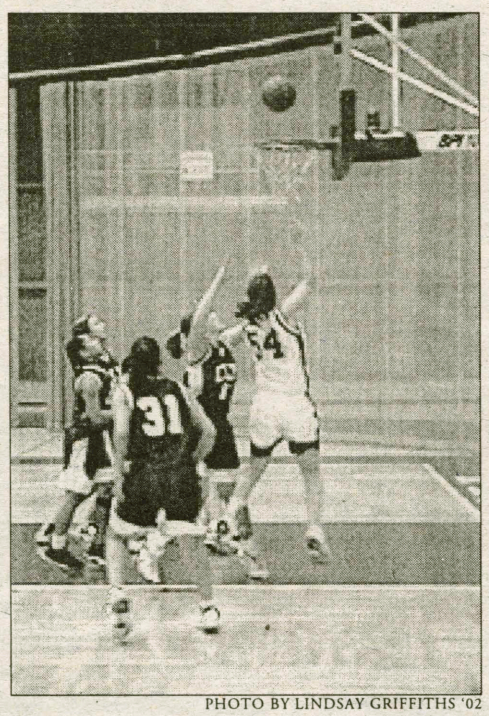

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Avery Anderson '03 drives past opponents for the easy layup.

Tuesday night's game at William Smith brought out mixed emotions from the Lady Continentals. The team played against former teammate Jen Moran '99, who took over the assistant coach position for the Herons earlier this year. Moran, a standout at Hamilton, was a captain in both her junior and senior years and was a three time All-UCAA selection.

The Herons, a perennially strong team, came out early in the first half, scoring the first 8 points. Hamilton, still plagued by injuries and illness, battled back. Though the Conts played tough defense, William Smith led by as much as 22 points in the first half. Baron and Valenta scored 12 points a piece and shot over 50% from the floor. Russell, Hamilton's leading scorer, was kept to only ten points and shot only 20% from the 3- point line. Liz Brown and Mollie Masten led the Heron's aggressive offense with a combined 30 points.

Coach Diehl attributed the losses to a lapse in the girls' fundamentals; in essence, they are just trying to do too much on the court. Diehl believes that they need to simplify their game, and concentrate on playing hard, not on the final outcome. Defensively, Diehl continues, the Continentals need to work on reading their player and using the scouting reports to take advantage of weaknesses in the opponent.

Avery Anderson '03 adds, "We have a lot of fun playing with each other. We do not believe that our record is representative of our ability or determination." The women's hoops team will look to improve their overall play, as well as their 3-12 record, against NESCAC teams Bates and Tufts this weekend.

Women's Hockey looks to future

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and Dady. Dady would add two more in the third for her first of three consecutive hat tricks. Atherton added two assists in the 4-1 win. "We expected Amherst to be a little better, and at the beginning we were playing down to them. But we definitely have been coming together as a team lately. We're playing much more confidently, we're showing our desire to win. We've been focusing on our systems from the time the puck drops, and acting like we're going to win every game. If we play three periods at 100 percent, we should have a chance to win this weekend," said O'Hare. The Continentals will have their work cut out for them with games against Middlebury, who carries a 12-0-0 conference record, and Vermont, who sports a 8-1-3 conference record this weekend.

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NBA				
Charlotte at Washington 2/5	Hornets	Hornets	Wizards	Hornets
Indiana at Orlando 2/5	Pacers	Pacers	Pacers	Pacers
San Antonio at Utah 2/6	Jazz	Jazz	Spurs	Jazz
Miami at NY Knicks 2/6	Knicks	Heat	Knicks	Heat
Seattle at Phoenix 2/6	Suns	Suns	Suns	Sonics
Houston at Detroit 2/6	Rockets	Rockets	Pistons	Rockets
NCAA Basketball				
Stanford at USC 2/5	Cardinal	Cardinal	Cardinal	Cardinal
Syracuse at Providence 2/5	Orangemen	Orangemen	Orangemen	Friers
Virginia at Duke 2/5	Blue Devils	Blue Devils	Blue Devils	Blue Devils
UConn at Michigan St. 2/5	Huskies	Spartans	Spartans	Spartans
NHL All-Star Game				
North America vs. World 2/6	North America	North America	World	North America
NFL Pro Bowl				
AFC vs. NFC 2/6	NFC	NFC	AFC	AFC

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Men's Track and Field extends winning streak

By Michael Everhart '02
SPORTS WRITER

The men's indoor track and field team improved its record to 9-0 last weekend at the Hamilton Invitational by beating Geneseo State, Brockport State, Cortland State, Oswego State, Alfred University, and Ithaca College.

Co-captain Josh Cooper '00 said about the win, "It was a tough field with six other teams, and everyone came ready to compete. The team worked hard and came away with a deserving victory." Cooper finished third in the 55m hurdles with a time of 8.4 seconds, while Tom Alberi '03 finished sixth with a time of 9.35 seconds.

In the high jump, Alberi and Cooper switched places, with Alberi finishing third with a height of 1.73m and Cooper finishing sixth with the same height. Cooper also finished seventh with a jump of 5.61m in the long jump behind Marc Petrivelli '01, who finished fourth with a jump of 5.85m. In the 400m sprint Mike Thompson '03 finished second with a time of 53.65 seconds, while Jeff Garte '00 and Dave Salmon '01 finished fourth and tenth with times of 55.3 and 59.64 seconds, respectively.

In the 500m sprint Ryan Murelli '02 and Andrew Matlack '03 finished fifth and ninth with times of 1:10.57 and 1:14.33. In the 55m sprint Petrivelli finished fifth with a time of 7.06 seconds; he also finished sixth in the 200m sprint with a time of 25.24 seconds, followed by Walt Sosa '00 with a time of 25.39 seconds, and Salmon in thirteenth place with a time of 27.13 seconds. In the 35-lb. weight throw co-captain Jeff Needham '00 finished first with a throw of 14.82m. In the pole vault Andrew Inglis '01 finished ninth with a vault of 2.89m. In the 5000m run, Nate Arnold '03 and Mac Weiss '02 finished first and second with times of 15:59.56 and 16:30.66. In the 1500m run Scott Taylor '01 and Sam Brown '01 finished second and third with times of 4:08.06 and 4:08.75.

Karl Bressler '01, Taylor, and Paul Jones '03 finished first, second, and fifth in the 800m run with times of 2:03, 2:03.38, and 2:05.98. In the 1000m run Doug Zeyak '02 finished first with a time of 2:38.07. In the 3000m run, John Damaske '02 and Steve Guditus '01 finished second and fourth with times of 9:38.69 and 9:46.11. In the 4x400m relay Hamilton finished first and tenth with times of 3:37.62 and 3:57.77. In the distance medley relay Hamilton finished second with a time of 10:54. 85, while finishing fourth in the 4x200m relay with a time of 1:41.48.

The team travels to Colgate on Wednesday to compete in the Colgate Invitational and to continue its success against colleges such as RPI and Marist. Cooper said about the Colgate Invitational, "Everyone is looking strong, and going into Colgate next week on a faster track should result in the team improving on our already great start."

Men's Hockey ranked 6th in ECAC/NESCAC Poll

By JP LeBlanc '01
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton College men's hockey team continued its winning ways this past weekend, thus extending their winning streak to five straight.

After losing three games back to back to start off the season, Hamilton has gone 11-3-1. The winning streak has arrived at precisely the right time, with the NESCAC tournament a few weeks away.

The Continentals beat St. Anslem Friday night by a score of four to two. Freshman defenseman Tom Paolini, sophomore defenseman Craig Leger, sophomore winger Tim Canfield, and junior center Vic Cizmarik all scored goals for the Conts. Co-captain Brian Grady '00 and J.P. Acosta '02 each added a pair of helpers to the stat sheet.

Also contributing to the team's cause was freshman goaltender Dave Scamurra, who has yet to lose a game in his young Hamilton career. According to head coach Phil Grady, "Scamurra is a nice addition to our roster." Scamurra received help from the Hamilton defensive corps who held St. Anslem to only 16 shots on net. Due to his stellar play, Scamurra will get the nod in tonights' contest against Salem State.

This past Saturday, Hamilton traveled to New England College. Hamilton bruised their way to a four to one advantage late into the third period thanks to goals by Grady, Cizmarik, and two by Canfield, including the short-handed game winner midway through the third period. NEC added two power play goals in the last two and one-half minutes of the game. Scamurra was once again solid in goal, making 27 saves in the victory.

For his spectacular weekend performance, sophomore winger Tim Canfield was named ECAC/CCM player of the week. Canflied had three goals and two assists on the weekend, including the game-winning goal in both contests. The winger is the first Hamilton player this year to earn the award. Grady talked about Canfield's progress saying, "He has stepped his game up to another level." Last week, Acosta made the honor roll for his stellar weekend play (five points in three games).

Everything seems to be coming together for the Continentals. Grady emphasized the fact that the Continentals have been playing well all season, but that certain aspects, particularly the fact that early on in the season the teams' goals against average was very high. This was holding the team back. "We have not had one bad performance this year, we come to play," said Grady. According to Grady the team's recent empasis on defense has been the key to the winning streak, because as the old saying goes, "defense wins championships."

But, if there is one aspect of this team that will put it above the top, it is the play of the senior class. This is by far one of Grady's largest senior classes ever, and they have not disappointed him. "They [the seniors] have shown the way with their intensity, and mental and physical toughness." This senior class has made it a point to take the freshman under their wings and make them a part of the system.

This wekend the Continentals take to the ice against Salem State Friday and Southern Maine Saturday.

Commercial Commentary, Rocker Criticisms and Other Sports Related Ramblings

Not being one to brag, I won't dwell on my almost perfect Super Bowl prediction, but for those of you who missed it, I called a 27-17 Rams win, close enough to beat almost all "experts" in the national media.

Call it lucky if you want, but the numbers don't lie. Now you know who to trust. Is anyone else out there already sick of watching Dick Vermeil break down crying in every media interview? Anyhow, as usual,

MATT GLASSMAN

Riding the Pine

here are some thoughts on the sporting world this week:

Rocker-ing the boat - The suspension of John Rocker by Major League Baseball this week makes sense to some, but not me. Obviously, the league cannot stand by while one of its players publicly insults minorities, foreigners, and New Yorkers all at once. Baseball needs to uphold its image, and I am all for sending the message that the league should not tolerate the behavior that Rocker exemplified. What I question is the magnitude of the punishment.

A thirty day suspension is a long time in baseball, and far too long for making derogatory comments. I thought a moderate fine or a 5 game suspension from the league and then internal punishment from the Braves would have made a lot more sense. The league routinely gives drug offenders (Steve Howe, D. Strawberry), sex fiends (Luis Polonia), and bad boys (Roberto Alomar) relative leniency for their first offenses. Should this be any different? John Rocker said some really dumb things. He already has a huge task ahead of him to patch up relations with his team. Why saddle him (and the Braves) with this? Rocker is appealing the decision with help from the player's association. Look for him to win a lighter sentence sometime before spring training.

Stupid.Dot.Commercials - I can't recall seeing so many bad super bowl commericals during my tenure as a sports fan. One problem was the glut of "dot.com" advertising. I agreed with e-trade when they announced that they had wasted two million bucks by having a monkey sit in a rocking chair and hum a song. And what was that one with the words against the yellow background, set to the tune of chopsticks? Just plain annoying if you ask me. And they ran it twice. I simply couldn't keep track of all the dot.coms, and the only non-internet advertisers that stick out in my mind are Blockbuster Video, Mountain Dew, and Anheiser-Busch, who must have gone bankrupt with the number of ads they ran. The "birth of a Budweiser Clydesdale" was just as silly as any dot.com ad, and probably cost 10 times as much to produce. The general sense I got was that the ads were less creative and more disappointing than usual. Two exceptions were the "cat herders", which was funny although unrelated to its message, and the "Budweiser-whatttzzzup", which was not very original but continued the popular series and drew rave reviews from the crowd downstairs at the Pub Sunday.

Murder, Inc.? - Shocked by the arrest less than a month ago of Rae Carruth for the murder of his wife, the NFL was again stunned this week with the arrest of Ray Lewis for a double murder outside of a St. Louis bar after the Super Bowl. While Lewis maintains his innocence (and I'm inclined to give him the benefit of the doubt until more evidence is made public), it has been a rather hellish two months for professional athletes and the law.

This month alone we have seen the arrest of NHL star and married father of two Kevin Stearns for relations with a prostitute and possession of cocaine. Notah Beagy, the young golfer, crashed his car, drunk and high. And now Lewis. NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue says that there's no way to separate athletes from the rest of society, and this is bound to happen. While he's right, let's acknowledge that we give professional athletes too many excuses, and a culture of entitlement has certainly developed among many elite athletes. Jason Williams, the young NBA superstar summed it up best when, after getting caught smoking pot and given a suspension, said he "thought the coaches would be able to get me out of it." Some troubles are inevitable, but that does not mean we should encourage them.

Bad pun of the week - Overheard at the pub during the first half of the Super Bowl: "The Tennessee defense has let the Rams move the ball down the field, but they've really "Titan-ed" up inside the red zone.

Final Words - If anyone can make any sense of the Wizard's decision to hire CBA coach Daryl Walker, fill the rest of us in ASAP. Perhaps his experience coaching last place teams was a factor. At the time he was hired by MJ, he was running the Rockford Lightning into the ground, at 13-17...Apologies to all offended Mets fans, my column last week incorrectly stated the off-season trades the Mets made. But I still stand by my point that trading Dotel was silly and acquiring B. Jones was even sillier...The Giants re-signed coach Jim Fassel under the condition that he produce next year or hit the road. Smart move....

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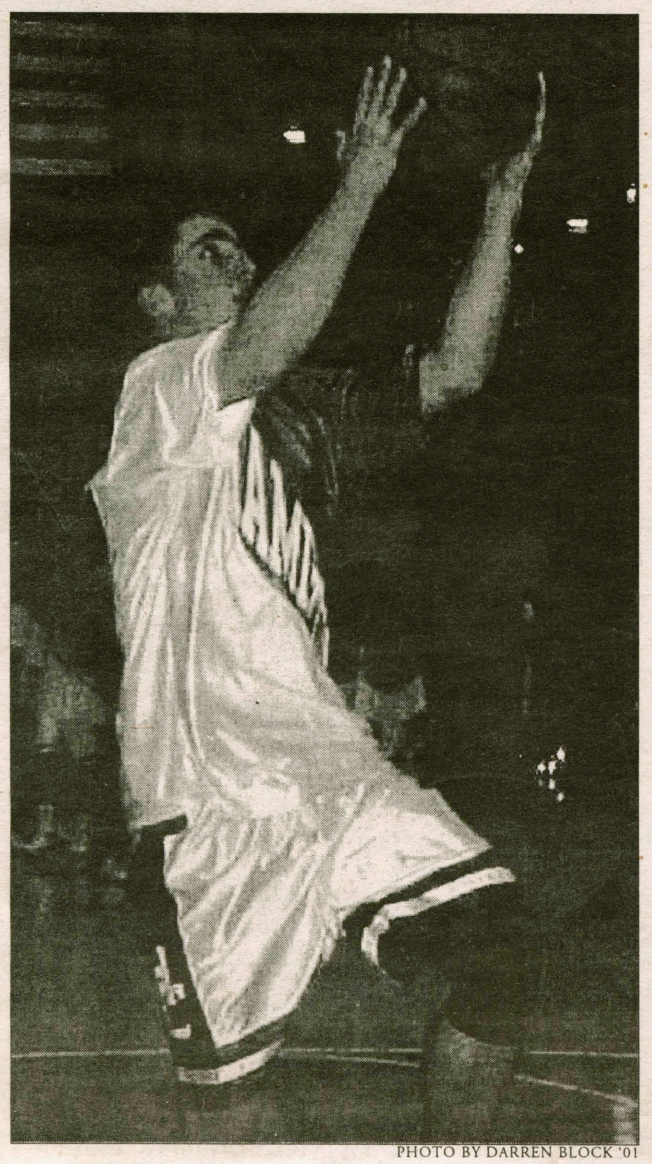

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Pat Casey '01 and the rest of the men's team prepare for this weekend's games.

Men's Hoops road trip successful

By Art McCann '00
SPORTS WRITER

This past week the men's basketball team survived a grueling three game road trip. Over the weekend the team defeated Bowdoin 71-66 and lost to Colby 79-67.

On Tuesday night the team outscored Hobart 100-93, making the three game road swing a successful one. Friday night the Continentals redeemed last year's frustrating home loss to the Polar Bears of Bowdoin. Junior shooting guard Jim McCarthy's career high 24 points led the Conts.

Co-captain Jimmy Driggs praised Hamilton's performance in the second half against Bowdoin. He said, "It was great to make the long trip up to Maine and execute down the stretch the way we did." The team certainly feels pressure to play well against their tough NESCAC opponents after only winning two NESCAC games last season. Surely, winning the Friday night game against Bowdoin put the Continentals slightly at ease.

On Saturday, Hamilton could not match their previous night's effort. In the 79-67 loss to Colby the Conts let an early first half lead slip away. In a game that many of the players called an uncharacteristic performance, Hamilton was out-rebounded and out-played, especially by Colby's big-men. Much of the loss can be attributed to Colby's solid performance, and they deserve credit for their second convincing win over Hamilton in as many years. Nevertheless, Hamilton seems more than pleased with splitting their two games in NESCAC's North Country.

On Tuesday night the young Continentals played Hobart College, in Geneva, NY. This was the first UCAA contest between the two schools this season. To start the game, Hamilton jumped out to an 18-3 lead and it appeared that the Conts would roll to another UCAA victory; but Hobart is a dangerous team. Jimmy McCarthy said, "Hobart may have the most offensive firepower in the league." Also, Hamilton has struggled all season to put teams away and they let Hobart fight its way back into the game. However, the team's depth, perhaps it most valuable strength, proved to be the deciding factor.

Freshmen center Joe Finley led Hamilton with 20 points and showed signs of regaining the touch that had him in the starting lineup early in the season. Also, junior shooting guard T.J. Conti contributed 16 points with most coming in a second half surge off the bench. Co-captain Brendan Ferretti '01 also scored 18 points and remains Hamilton's most consistent and potent go-to player.

The win over Hobart extended Hamilton's large lead over the rest of the conference. The other UCAA schools are yet to play the majority of their conference games. Hamilton is currently 10-0 in the league with only two UCAA games remaining against Skidmore and Hobart. Hamilton will look to finish the conference undefeated and clinch the #1 seed and home court advantage in the inaugural UCAA post-season tournament. The winner of the UCAA tournament will receive an automatic berth in the NCAA tournament.

This weekend, Hamilton hosts Bates and Tufts. Both teams are tough NESCAC opponents and Tufts is returning to Margaret Bundy Scott Field House for the first time since beating the Continentals on a buzzer-beating half-court shot. Hopefully, Hamilton can solidify its reputstion as one of the teams to beat in the NESCAC, especially with perennial East Region powers Trinity and Connecticut College still on the schedule.

Women's Track wins Invitational

By Michael Everhart '02
SPORTS WRITER

The women's indoor track and field team continued its undefeated season with a win in the Hamilton Invitational last Sunday. Hamilton finished first, followed by Geneseo State, Cortland State, Brockport State, Oswego State, Ithaca College, and Alfred University.

Maggie Hanson '02 said, "The meet kicked off with Annie [Toth]'s inspiring 5000m [run] in which she qualified for Nationals provisionally," and also set a Hamilton record. Toth said about the meet, "Many exciting and unexpected things took place at Sunday's meet. Almost everyone set personal bests, and both our men and women ended up crushing the other teams. We really showed them, as coach Hartpence would put it, 'whose home it was."

In the 1500m run, Hanson finished first with a time of 4:47.2, both of which qualified her for ECAC's and set a new Hamilton record. Hanson said about the meet, "Stronger competition and good training led to some great performances at the Hamilton Invitational for both the men's and women's teams." Hanson also finished second in the 800m run with a time of 2:23.69, while Amanda Chase '03 finished fourth with a time of 2:27.97.

In the 1000m run Jen Cammarano '03 finished first with a time of 3:06.97, while Sue Ferranti '03 finished ninth with a time of 3:28.31. In the 3000m run,

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Women's Hockey clings to playoff hopes

By Charles Spiliotis '03
SPORTS WRITER

In what came down to a do or die week for the Hamilton women's hockey team, the Continentals came through with their first three-win week of the season, and clung to their hopes of a postseason appearance.

"We got two players back from study abroad, and that adds a lot more depth to our team because now we have three full lines. Since break we're 6-4, and that's a big improvement over early in the season," said coach Susan Reece. In the Continentals most recent and probably most impressive win of the season, they avenged their 3-2 defeat at the hands of Rensselaer in November, with a 3-2 win of their own at Sage Rink on Tuesday.

RPI came in having won eight of their last ten games, and as Reece put it, "RPI has been playing well lately, and we need to come out stronger early than we have been. We need to take control, we can't wait for the other team before we put the puck in the net." Hamilton did just that, scoring twice in the game's first three minutes, both by ECAC player of the week Paula Dady '03. Dady, who has paced the Continentals with 22 goals and 7 assists in their 16 contests, netted the first unassisted and the second from teammate Kristen Engster.

"RPI was one of the best if not the best game we've played this season. We played three periods of hockey and kept our intensity up throughout. We were really enthusiastic going in, and that carried us to the win. If we play like we did against them, then we have a shot at beating anybody," said Dady. The second period found Hamilton sitting back a bit, and RPI kept the puck in the offensive zone for nearly the entire period. RPI forward Talia Acampora took advantage, adding two goals of her own at 10:31 and 16:24 in the second, deadlocking the game at 2-2 heading into the second intermission. But Hamilton showed a lot of heart as they played a tough third period and Dady came through once more to save the day.

"Coach told me that (Jenne) Atherton '01 was going to push it forward and then pass it to me so I could score, and that was exactly what happened. I just got a good shot on net, and it went in," said Dady. Goalie Jen Kroleski, who had 30 saves and received an honorable mention for ECAC player of the week said, "Everybody came out and worked hard for the whole game. We've been playing really well lately, because we've been playing better together. We're just starting to click."

Earlier in the week, Hamilton recorded wins over two less talented teams in Amherst and MIT on the road. In Saturday's affair, the Continentals were on the winning end of a 15-0 shilacking over MIT. The Engineers, who have been outscored 149-4 this season on their way to an 0-11 record had little chance of knocking off the Continentals. Multiple scorers for Hamilton included Dady, who led the way with three goals and three assists, Brianna O'Hare '03, who had a hat trick, and Atherton, who had two goals and four assists. Captain Kathleen Lubin '01 added a goal and four assists, and Lauren Spoon '01 netted a pair of goals.

In the third game of the week the Hamilton women took on an Amherst club that began the season winning six of its first seven, but since that has dropped its last eight games. Hamilton came out of the box slowly, as they have done for most of the season, giving up an early goal.

Going into the first intermission, Hamilton trailed 1-0 to what appeared to be a much-less talented team. In the second period, the Continentals took the lead for good behind goal from Heather Hoffay '03

PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

Hamilton's staunch defense has helped them to recent wins.

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